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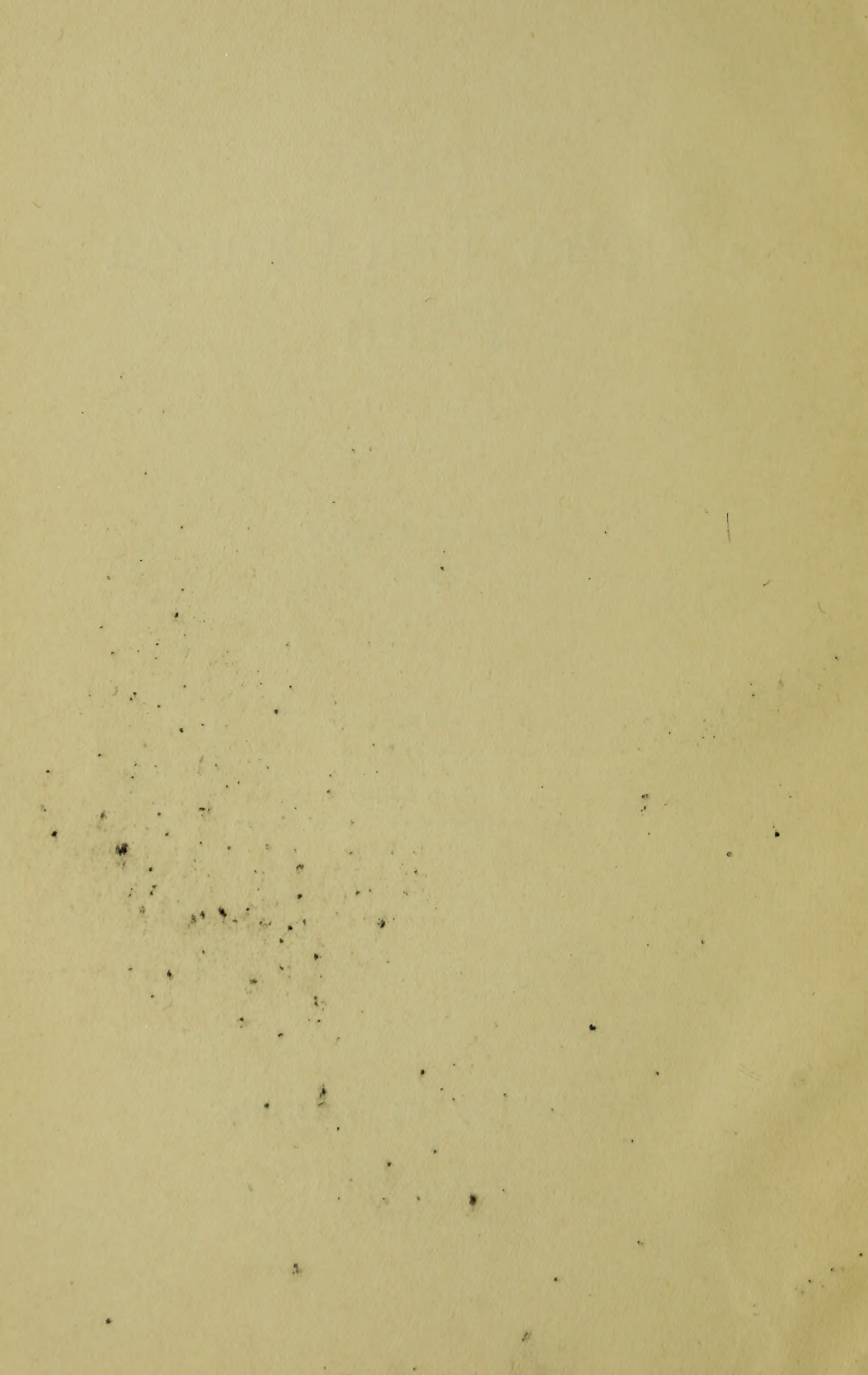
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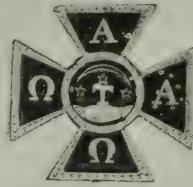


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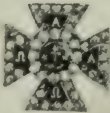
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## The Alpha Tau Omega Balm

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## THE BADGE WE WEAR

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The badge of Alpha Tau Omega was adopted upon the founding of Alpha chapter and has never been altered by the fraternity in any basic particular. Like the emblems of all college societies the size of the pin has differed at various periods, and the style of mounting has sometimes been modified, but unlike the badges of many other fraternities the essential form and the symbols displayed thereon have never been changed in the least.

The original badge was prepared from sketches designed by our founder, Otis A. Glazebrook, by Galt & Brother, jewelers, of Washington, and was submitted to Alpha chapter for approval. The chapter confirmed the design and replicas were ordered for its members. The diameter of this badge was fifteen-sixteenths of an inch, which would be considered excessive at the present time, but was a usual size for such emblems in the sixties.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Larkin Glazebrook, to whom this badge has been given by his father, we are enabled herewith to publish for the first time an exact photographic reproduction of this venerable relic, together with other interesting badges from the same collection and the collections of other brothers. This is an important addition to the general knowledge of the fraternity, as there have grown up serious misapprehensions as to the size and proportions of the original badge which are thus set at rest forever.

In form the badge is based upon the *cross formy* (*forme*, *formee*) of heraldry. By loose modern custom this style of badge has become known as a "maltese" cross, but this is not correct. Nor is it entirely proper to designate it as a *cross pattee*, although this

inaccuracy is of very ancient origin and the usage has the sanction of high authority. However, the word "*pattee*" is considered by the best authorities to be a mere variant of "*patonce*," which is well recognized as describing a very different cross.



PATONCE



FORMY



MALTESE

The design upon the face of the badge, of peculiar significance to the initiated, consists of the letter Alpha, repeated on the upper and left arms of the cross, respectively, and the letter Omega repeated in like manner on the right and lower arms, with the letter Tau, surrounded by various symbols, within a circle at the center. The central circular panel, although it is a deviation from the classical design, is not inharmonious, as shown on the original badge, but as smaller badges came into use it became necessary, in order to properly display the several emblems on the central panel, that its proportionate size should be increased. In other words, the central panel was not reduced in the same proportion as the entire badge and the result was a badly balanced design.

To meet this obvious fault some clever jeweler conceived the idea of the raised center, which shows the circular panel for what it really is, a superimposed device, and permits the eye to see, by suggestion, the true classical outline of the cross below. The exact period at which this style of mounting first came into use is not as yet definitely settled, although it was probably in the eighties. But even before the days of the raised center the same optical effect was produced by the device of widening the band of gold about the center and engraving it very deeply, either with the "embroidery" design of the original badge, as in illustration number two, which shows a badge made in 1880, or by cutting a deep beveled groove about the circle, as shown in number three, a badge made in 1888. The last badge can hardly be distinguished from one with a raised center except by close inspection.

Even the original badge did not rely wholly upon its graceful proportions to produce the desired effect, for here, too, the circle is sharply differentiated from the cross by the device of tapering the golden margin of the arms toward the center and bringing out the panel with a full width border, in marked contrast to the diminished border of the adjacent portions of the cross.

But it was not alone in the relative size of the center that succeeding generations deviated from the chaste proportions of the original badge. By reference to the illustration it will be noted that the type of badge shown in number two, which represents the style worn fifteen years after the original, is reduced in diameter to three-quarters of an inch, almost entirely by means of shortening the arms, the outer diameter of the circle and the outward faces or ends of the arms being but slightly reduced from the actual size of the original badge, the result being to narrow and shorten the space between the arms. This would have caused a clumsy appearance had not the artist met this change by a corresponding increase in the re-entrant angle, whereby the four arms become portions of four detached triangles which, if produced, would not meet at the center. This gives the badge a brisk, smart appearance, saving it from mediocrity, and the broadened and deeply engraved margin of the circle gives it a richer, if less dignified, tone than the original.

In the late eighties and early nineties several new official jewelers were commissioned and their desire to produce something "exclusive" threatened for a time the integrity of the badge. In the end all that came of this was a change in the customary style of mounting (see illustration number six), the form being rigidly preserved. But while the experimental stage lasted, fortunately not for long, several "freak" badges were produced which met with stern repression on the part of the fraternity. The principal deviations from the accepted design were of a diametrically opposite tendency, but both directed toward the same result; *i. e.*, the elimination of the sharp corners which might catch and tear the clothing. Probably the earliest of these innovations consisted in narrowing the arms and filling the increased space between with "rays" of gold emanating from the center. This was promptly repudiated and in most instances the



offending "rays" were cut away by the owners of the badges. The badge shown as number three in our illustration was originally of this type. On the other hand, some badges were produced in which the arms were greatly expanded and the space between reduced to a mere line. This also was unfavorably received and the jewelers were warned to make no more badges which resembled a solid square. No specimen of this type is available for illustration with this article.

The edges of the first badge were "square"; that is, at right angles to the surface, and the same was true of the first badges made with the raised center, both as to edges of the cross and of the elevated circle. Soon it became customary to "bevel" the edges of the cross and in some instances the circle as well. Thus originated the "beveled edge and raised center" type of mounting which has been used to the exclusion of all other forms for the past twenty years. Up to the time of the last Congress the beveled edge, although universally in use, had never been officially recognized, but the raised center was officially made the standard mounting by Congress as early as 1894. Although the plain gold badges now worn are apparently identical in form and mounting, there is some slight variation in the manner of applying the beveled edge by the different jewelers. The method most in vogue, and the one adopted for the present standard badge, is to cut the edges of both center and cross squarely away from the surface, without bevel, and to mount the whole upon a beveled edge base of gold. (See number six.)

The official badge of 1911, illustrated herewith as number five, was a rather violent and not wholly successful attempt to return to first principles in the way of mounting. For some years the fraternity had noted with concern the growing extravagance of the undergraduates in the matter of jeweled badges and had considered ways and means of restoring the plain gold pin to general use. To this end the Congress of 1910 ordained that the fraternity should present each initiate with a "standard" badge and encourage him to use none other. After due consideration it was decided to make this standard badge an exact replica of the original, but of a diameter of one-half inch, to conform to modern usage as to size. Had this plan been carried through as proposed

it might have met with favor but, unfortunately, between the happy idea and its unhappy realization, there was some miscarriage and the resulting badge was far from satisfactory. The carefully designed proportions of the original badge were not reproduced, but in its stead appeared the shorter arms and enlarged circle of a later type without, however, the sharp re-entrant angle which saved that style of badge. The strong outline of the central panel, so necessary to the proper effect, was not maintained, but instead appeared the merest line of gold. The rich hand-wrought engraving of the earlier badges was but feebly indicated by the indentations pressed into the surface with a die. On the whole the effect was extremely tame and flat, in contrast to the bright, sharp appearance of the earlier flat badges.

This new departure created quite a breeze at the Congress of 1912. Few, if any, of the undergraduates, who were, of course, vastly in the majority, had ever seen the original badge, but all had inspected the new one and most of them were frankly displeased with it. On the other hand, a number of older members who were quite familiar with the classic lines of the original, but few of whom had critically inspected the new badge, were strongly in favor of the latter for sentimental reasons. After a long and spirited, but entirely good natured, debate the official badge of 1911 was rejected and the Congress ordained as a standard the beveled edge and raised center type of mounting, this being the only style of plain gold pin with which two-thirds or more of our present membership is familiar. The result is the official badge of 1913, shown herewith as illustration number six. The official badges, which are given to each present-day initiate, may be distinguished from others by the fact that the general fraternity number of the owner is engraved upon the back in addition to the marks common to all Alpha Tau Omega badges.

The practice of ornamenting badges with small jewels was introduced at an early date, even before the "raised center," and by the time of the latter innovation it had become general. Jeweled badges were at first "set flush"; that is to say, small holes were drilled in the plate and the stones forced tightly into them until nearly or quite on a plane with the surface. Some specimens of this type of mounting are still manufactured, but, for the past

decade or more, jeweled badges have been "crown set," for the most part; that is, the badge is prepared upon a very heavy mounting which is then cut away below the point where each jewel is to appear, leaving four tiny claws of metal to embrace each stone, which is thus displayed to much better advantage than would otherwise be the case. Badges are known as "full jeweled" when the entire margin of both cross and circle is closely set with gems. A full jeweled badge has from thirty-four to fifty-six separate settings, depending upon the size. The half-inch badge commonly in use has forty-eight settings when fully jeweled. Badges numbered eight and nine are of this type. Badge numbered seven is also fully jeweled, but of a larger size. Partially jeweled badges are prepared in endless variety to suit the taste or the purse of the purchaser. The stones or combinations of stones which may be used in ornamenting badges are limited only by the variety of gems procurable, and some specimens, notably those fully set with diamonds or rubies, are very expensive. The tendency to purchase only the more expensive sorts was the moving cause for adopting an "official" type of mounting, and, though jeweled badges are not forbidden, their use by undergraduates is discouraged since the introduction of the standard gold badge. Indeed, some chapters, by local regulation, absolutely forbid the use of jeweled badges by first-year men.

Owing to the progressive reduction in the size of the badges commonly in use at various periods, and the lack of exact information on the subject available to the rank and file of our membership, there have grown up the most exaggerated stories as to the size of the earlier badges. It has been commonly said that the original badge was "the size of a dinner plate" and most of the recent initiates have grown up in the belief that it was nearly, if not quite, three inches in diameter. This, as we have seen, is an error. The diameter of the original badge is less than an inch and no specimens of a larger size have come under the observation of the writer. By 1880 the customary size had been reduced to three-quarters of an inch and by 1890 to five-eighths. In 1900 nine-sixteenths of an inch was the popular size and badges of that diameter are made and worn today. At the present time three sizes of badge are commonly used which may be called the large,



medium and small sizes. Although there is not exact uniformity in the practice of the various jewelers, all of them make three sizes which are approximately nine-sixteenths, one-half and seven-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, respectively. The five-eighths inch or "extra large" badge is also procurable. Badge numbered seven is a specimen of the extra large size and badges numbered five, six, eight and nine of the medium. The medium or half-inch size is the one adopted for the official badges and is undoubtedly the popular one at the present time, although in the past few years there has been a strong tendency toward the still smaller badge. However, indications point to a reaction in this regard, and it is probable that the larger badges are about to be restored to favor. In addition to the sizes above mentioned the miniature badge, shown as number four, may be mentioned. This badge is worn with evening clothes and is little more than a quarter of an inch in diameter.

From an early period it was the custom of many to wear a "guard pin" displaying the Greek letters of the chapter name. This pin was worn alongside the badge proper and was attached thereto by a minute gold chain.

WILLIAM C. SMILEY.

## THE ATLANTA ALUMNI

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Men of achievement in nearly every walk of life are numerous represented among the one hundred and fifty or more Alpha Taus making up the Atlanta Alumni Association. They are men of personality, action and keen intellect, such as have contributed so largely to the history and development of this splendid city of the South, and the story of their lives is most interesting and inspiring.

Probably no other body of Atlantans could claim higher accomplishments. They\* comprise one of the most valuable assets of the business and social life of Atlanta, taking the lead in every movement of note. Distinctively of the progressive, enterprising type, their talent has been recognized in many ways and Atlanta justly feels proud of having them as citizens.

In the ranks of the Atlanta alumni, practically every profession is represented. Lawyers, jurists, doctors, bankers, railroad, telephone, insurance and newspaper men, manufacturers and merchants, architects, engineers, real estate operators and financiers are included in the list. Many have risen to high positions of responsibility and importance.

The same enthusiasm and interest in A. T. O. which they felt in college days is still to be found in Atlanta Alpha Taus, and the Georgia Beta Iota chapter at the Georgia School of Technology, as well as the other chapters to which they individually belong, may always find helpful counsel and aid in the local alumni.

Twice has the city of Atlanta entertained Alpha Tau Omega in Congress, in 1886 and in 1910, and on each occasion the Atlanta brothers were lavish in their hospitality. The last Congress was one of the most brilliant in the history of the fraternity. The entertainment provided by the Atlanta Alumni Association was on an elaborate scale, such as had not quite been experienced before by the fraternity, and its success was not effected without some labor and self-sacrifice on the part of the Atlanta alumni.

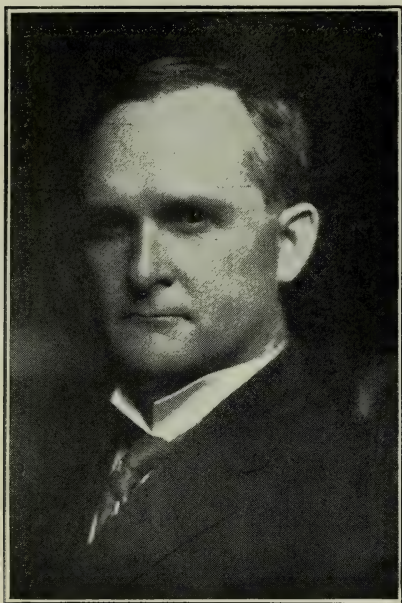
One brother, Jerome R. Moore, made his private office the headquarters of the association, and for several months previous to the Congress, practically suspended his law practice in order to properly fulfill the work as chairman of the finance committee.

Among the Atlanta Alpha Taus not represented in the ensuing sketches and pictures, but whose careers have been notably successful, may be mentioned Henry W. Miller, assistant to the president of the Southern Railway Company; Edward T. Brown, of the law firm of Brown & Randolph, Parker & Scott; Judge J. R. Pottle, of the State Court of Appeals; William Harper Glenn, vice president and general manager of the Georgia Railway and Power Company; J. R. A. Hobson, assistant to the president of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company; Edward Lyle, right-of-way agent for the same company; Alfred C. Newell, general agent of the Columbian National Life Insurance Company; Drs. Willis B. Jones, William Earl Quillian and Garnett Wiley Quillian; Harvey Thomas Phillips, of Phillips & Crew, pioneers in the music field; Hugh Richardson, capitalist; John Paschall, city editor of the *Atlanta Journal*; William Cole Jones, chief editorial writer of the *Atlanta Journal*; A. R. Colcord, city councilman, chairman of the police committee of council and president of a lumber concern bearing his name; William P. Walthall, Frank Adair and Ralph O. Cochran, real estate men; and others.

During the past year, four prominent Atlanta brothers died: Peter Francisco Smith, Malvern E. Hill, James Denham Kilpatrick, all lawyers, and Dr. George S. Tigner, who was a leading dentist.

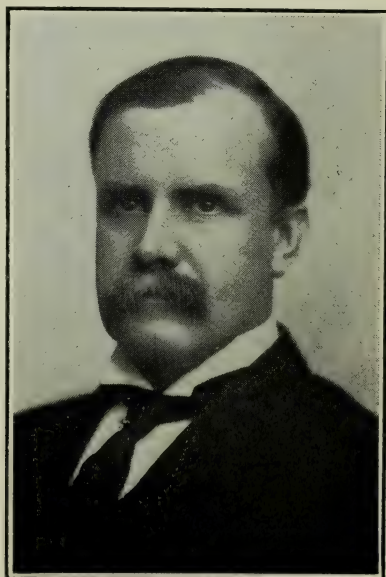
JUDGE SAMUEL C. ATKINSON, president of the Atlanta Alumni Association, a man of brilliant intellect and many fine qualities, holds a very distinguished position in Georgia, that of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the State. His interest in all things pertaining to the fraternity has always been maintained, despite his exacting cares of State, and he is as enthusiastic about A. T. O. today as he was in student days.

Judge Atkinson belongs to one of Georgia's old families. He was born at Scottsboro, Baldwin County, Georgia, in 1864, but was reared near Marietta, Georgia. He attended the "Old Field School" until 1878, when he received private instruction from his



SAMUEL C. ATKINSON  
(Ga. Alpha Beta)  
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
GEORGIA SUPREME COURT

BEVERLY D. EVANS  
(Ga. Alpha Zeta)  
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE  
GEORGIA SUPREME COURT



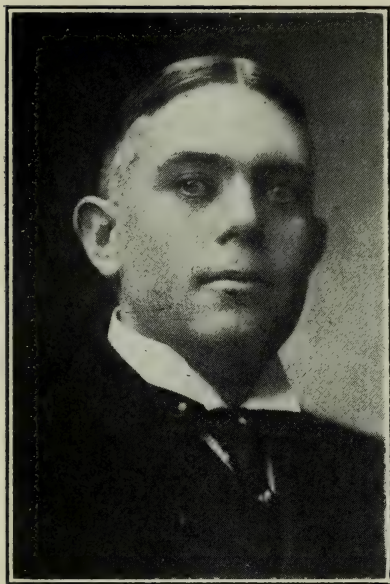


father, Colonel Alexander S. Atkinson, continuing under his tutelage until 1882. In January of that year he entered the sophomore class in the University of Georgia at Athens and there was initiated into A. T. O. by the Alpha Beta chapter. He was graduated in the class of 1884 with the degree of A. B. He moved to Brunswick, Georgia, to begin the study of law in the office of his brother, Judge Spencer R. Atkinson, now of Atlanta, and was admitted to the bar in 1885. He practiced law in Brunswick for several years and later was made judge of the city court of Brunswick, which office he held for four years. In 1905 Governor Terrell appointed him Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia and this position he has since held with great credit to himself. His home has been in Atlanta since his appointment on the Supreme Court.

Judge Atkinson has twice married. His first wife was Miss Lila M. Screven, daughter of Colonel John Screven, of Savannah. One daughter was born to them, Mrs. Walter J. Hammond, of Thomasville, Georgia. His second wife was Miss Lily Slaton, daughter of Major W. F. Slaton, of Atlanta, and a sister of Governor John Marshall Slaton, present Governor of Georgia. Judge Atkinson was elected president of the Atlanta Alumni Association just before the twenty-second Congress, which convened in this city in 1910, and he did much to make that event the success it was.

WILLIAM E. HAWKINS, treasurer of the Atlanta Alumni Association of A. T. O., is manager of the Aetna Life Insurance Company for Georgia, and is one of the most successful and popular business men of the city. He contributed largely of his time and aid for the success of the Atlanta Congress in 1910, and in many other ways he has shown his loyalty and continued interest in A. T. O.

Brother Hawkins was the son of Samuel H. Hawkins, a prominent Georgian, and was born in Americus, Georgia, in 1867. He became an Alpha Tau in the Alpha Zeta chapter at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, from which institution he was graduated in 1887. He was engaged in railroad work for several years after leaving college and in 1893 he entered the insurance business. He moved to Atlanta in 1896 and this has since been his home. He has built up a large business for the Aetna in Georgia, his agency



WILLIAM E. HAWKINS  
(Ga. Alpha Zeta)  
SUPERINTENDENT  
AETNA LIFE INS. CO.  
ATLANTA, GA.

JOHN K. OTTLEY  
(Tenn. Alpha Tau)  
VICE PRESIDENT  
FOURTH NATIONAL BANK  
ATLANTA, GA.



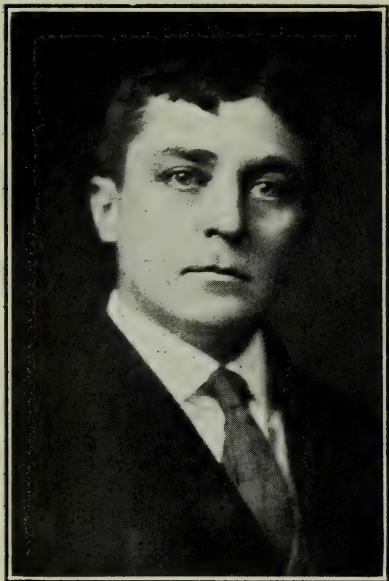
ranking fourth or fifth. In 1890 he married Miss Helen Hawkins, of Americus, granddaughter of Judge Willis A. Hawkins, of the Supreme Court of Georgia, and they have four daughters, Misses Helen, Mary, Elizabeth and Will Hawkins, who are attractive members of the younger social set of Atlanta.

As treasurer of the Atlanta Alumni Association, Brother Hawkins has given a good account of that ability and diplomacy which has characterized his business life.

HOLLINS NICHOLAS RANDOLPH, Atlanta lawyer of distinguished ability, who has always been active in fraternity work, is a great-great-great-grandson of the author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, and has carved out for himself a career of which his illustrious ancestor would be proud, and a career from which every young A. T. O. may find inspiration. Honors professionally and politically have been showered on him by reason of his willingness to undertake difficult things and of his fine, executive sense in carrying them to successful completion.

Brother Randolph was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, February 25, 1872. His parents were William Lewis Randolph, who was Jefferson's great-great-grandson, and Agnes Dillon Randolph, who was a member of an old Southern family of Savannah, Georgia. He received his preparatory education at Pantops Academy, near Charlottesville, Virginia, and in 1891 entered the institution which his ancestor founded, the University of Virginia. Here he was initiated into the Virginia Delta chapter of A. T. O. He took the academic course for the first three years, and began his law course in 1894. He was graduated in 1895 with the degree of B. L. He took a prominent part in all activities of the university. He was president of the Jefferson Society in 1895, and in the same year was editor of the *College Topics*. He is also a member of Theta Nu Epsilon, University of Virginia.

He was admitted to the bar in Atlanta, June 29, 1896, and since has made this city his home. He married Miss Caroline Tison Walter, of Savannah, October 17, 1899. They have no children. He was first a member of the law firm of Gray, Brown & Randolph, which later became Brown & Randolph, and is now Brown & Randolph, Parker & Scott. Mr. E. T. Brown, of this firm, is an A. T. O. of the Alpha Beta chapter. This firm repre-



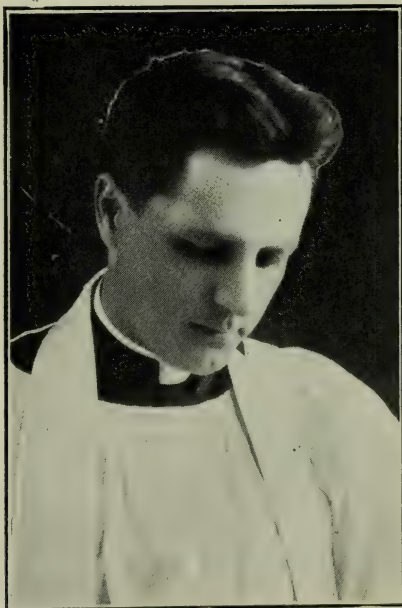
SHEPARD BRYAN

(N. C. Alpha Delta)

WORTHY HIGH CHANCELLOR

1910-12

WILLIS W. MEMMINGER  
(Tenn. Omega)  
RECTOR, EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ATLANTA, GA.





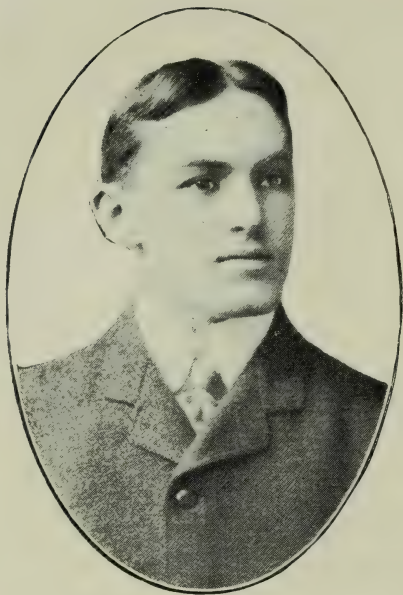
sents corporations, banks and railroads. Brother Randolph is general counsel for the Atlanta Savings Bank, the Atlanta Loan and Banking Company, the Atlanta and Macon Railway Company, and is also division counsel for the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company. He is a director in numerous banks and corporations. He is a member of the executive committee of the Atlanta Bar Association, and chairman of the Committee on Uniform Practice (law) of the United States Court for the Georgia Bar Association.

Politically, Brother Randolph is a Democrat. His ability has marked him time and time again for various important posts, but it is his policy to remain in the ranks and work for the interests of the party. He was a delegate from Georgia to the National Democratic Convention in Baltimore in 1912, and on that occasion was peculiarly honored in receiving the appointment as chairman of the special committee on transportation for the convention. But two others from the entire Democratic field were on this committee. Brother Randolph is also a member of the Georgia Democratic Executive Committee and is looked upon as a party leader in Georgia.

Brother Randolph is Georgia vice president of the Descendants of Signers of the Declaration of Independence. In 1898 he was commander-in-chief of the Georgia Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans.

In fraternity work, Brother Randolph takes a live interest, especially in matters affecting A. T. O. He is a Mason and a member of several other secret orders, and belongs to all the Atlanta clubs. As an Alpha Tau, his loyalty and enthusiasm have remained intact since university days, and he is one of the strongest members of the Atlanta Alumni Association. On the occasion of the twenty-second Congress, held in Atlanta in December, 1910, he delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the association.

JUDGE BEVERLY D. EVANS, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, and presiding justice of that distinguished body, has been an enthusiastic A. T. O. since his initiation in the Alpha Zeta chapter at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, in which institution he matriculated in January, 1879. He is a man of large attainment and his career has been unusually brilliant.



EDWARD A. WERNER  
(Ga. Beta Iota)  
PROVINCE CHIEF, PROVINCE I

HARRY E. HARMAN  
(Pa. Alpha Upsilon)  
CONGRESS POET  
ATLANTA (1910) CONGRESS



Judge Evans was born on March 21, 1865, at Sandersville, Georgia. He was graduated from Mercer University in the summer of 1881 with the degree of A. B., and in the following year the degree of A. M. was conferred on him. He finished his course in law at Yale and was admitted to the bar at Sandersville, his native town, in 1884. He soon rose in his profession and gained such a reputation for himself that in 1886, before he was quite of age, the voters of Washington County elected him as their representative in the Georgia Legislature. He served one term. In 1890 he was made Solicitor General of the Middle Circuit of Georgia, holding this office until 1897. Two years later he was made Judge of the Superior Court of the Middle Circuit of Georgia, serving in this capacity until April 1, 1904, when he was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. His home has been in Atlanta since that time. He is a member of the "Ten Club," a literary organization of Atlanta composed of ten of the most learned men in the city.

Judge Evans, like Judge Atkinson, has twice married. His first wife was Miss Bessie Warthen, of Warthen, Georgia. From this union there are two children, Thomas Warthen Evans, now a lawyer of Dublin, Georgia, and Julian Evans, assistant cashier of the Cohen National Bank at Sandersville, Georgia. His second wife was Miss Virginia Irwin, whom he married in 1893. They have three children, the eldest, Beverly D. Evans, Jr., being now a student at the University of Georgia and a member of the Alpha Beta chapter there. George and Irwin Lumpkin Evans are the other children. Judge Evans is one of the officers of the Atlanta Alumni Association and he has kept up his interest in the welfare of the fraternity. He is a leading member of the Second Baptist Church, of Atlanta.

JOHN KING OTTLEY, vice president of the Fourth National Bank, of Atlanta, and formerly president of the Atlanta Alumni Association of A. T. O., is one of Atlanta's leading citizens, and his career and brilliant success in the business world place him in the forefront with "Alpha Taus of Achievement." For his love of and loyalty to A. T. O. at all times, Brother Ottley is noted, having always manifested keen interest in the fraternity's affairs and giving his time and aid to any movement undertaken by the alumni association.

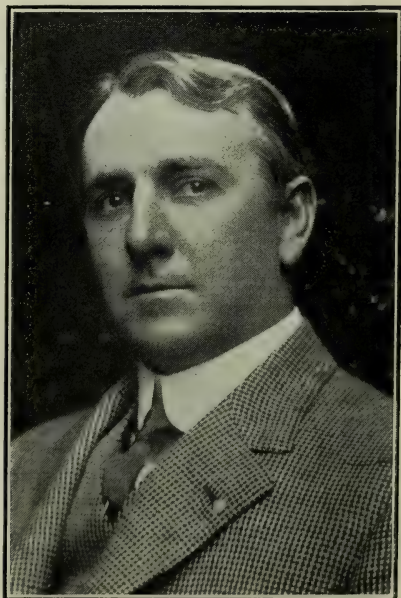


J. SAMUEL SLICER  
(Va. Beta)

FORMER PROVINCE CHIEF  
PROVINCE I, 1905-06

HOLLINS N. RANDOLPH  
(Va. Delta)

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
ATLANTA, GA.





Brother Ottley was born in Columbus, Mississippi, June 15, 1868, a son of John K. and Ellen Gertrude (Williams) Ottley. His boyhood days were spent in Columbus and his college education was received at Southwestern Presbyterian University, located at Clarksville, Tennessee, where he became an A. T. O. in the Tennessee Alpha Tau chapter. At the age of 19 he commenced his banking career, and in two years' time he was cashier of the Delta Bank, Greenwood, Mississippi. In 1890 he moved to Atlanta and aided in the organization of the Fourth National Bank, of which he is now vice president. This is one of the largest and strongest banking institutions in the South. Brother Ottley's prominence as a banker is national and he has served on several committees deciding national questions.

Brother Ottley married Miss Passie Fenton McCabe on March 22, 1889, and they have two children, Miss Passie May, who is popular in society, and John K. Ottley, Jr. Their beautiful country home, "Joyeuse," on Peachtree Road, has been the scene of many delightful gatherings. Brother Ottley is a Democrat. He is a Presbyterian and treasurer of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church. He is a Mason and a Shriner and belongs to the Capital City and Piedmont Driving Clubs. He is a devotee of outdoor life and loves horses, of which he is an excellent judge.

SHEPARD BRYAN, former Worthy High Chancellor of A. T. O., one of the liveliest and most enthusiastic members of the Atlanta Alumni Association, is recognized as one of the leading lawyers of Georgia with a future holding still greater promise. His labors for the fraternity have been untiring and devoted, and it was an honor justly bestowed when the fraternity, at the conclusion of the twenty-second Congress in Atlanta in 1910, gave him the office so long held by the late Brother James B. Green.

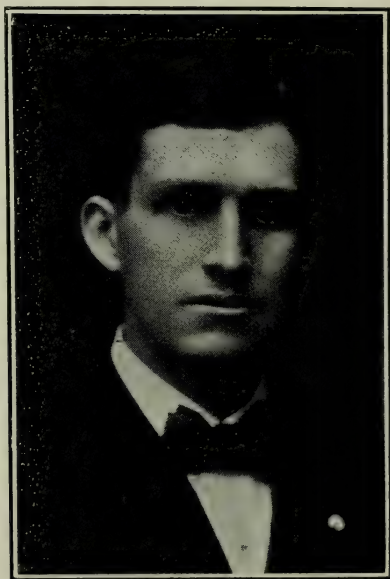
Shepard Bryan was born in Newbern, North Carolina, December 8, 1871. He entered the University of North Carolina in 1887 and was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1891. While in college he was an "all-round" university man and was one of the prime factors in building a chapter house for North Carolina Alpha Delta. In recognition of his ability as an orator and loyal son, his alma mater called upon him to make the alumni speech in 1906. This address attracted wide notice, the leading papers



FAIRFAX E. MONTAGUE  
(Va Alpha)

MANAGER  
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY  
ATLANTA, GA.

BRUTUS J. CLAY  
(Va. Delta)  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
ATLANTA, GA.



in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina publishing it and calling attention to its merit. Brother Bryan established the Henry R. Bryan (his father) law prize for the university law school and this has done much to encourage greater effort and sound scholarship in that department.

Since moving to Atlanta in 1893 to practice law, Brother Bryan has forged to the front in the profession and many honors have been won by him. At the present time he is senior member of the law firm of Bryan & Middlebrooks, with offices in the Candler Building. They are counsel for the New York Life Insurance Company, Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, Aetna Life Insurance Company, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, and a large number of insurance companies. He is now chairman of the executive committee of the Atlanta Bar Association. He was formerly vice president of this association and also formerly vice president of the Georgia Bar Association.

He was president of the Young Men's Democratic League of Fulton County, Georgia, a lieutenant colonel on the staff of the late Governor Joseph M. Terrell, and recently was a member of the Board of Education of the city of Atlanta. He was a member of the Municipal Court Committee from the Atlanta bar, which recently directed the organization of the new municipal court of Atlanta; and a long list of other distinctions attesting his ability and popularity might be mentioned.

HENRY ELLIOT HARMAN, Congress Poet of the twenty-third Congress of A. T. O. at Louisville in 1912, is a versatile literary man and editor and is well known throughout the South for his lyrical productions. Biographers have said of him that "his vocation is that of a poet and his avocation that of publisher." He enjoys a national reputation as the publisher of trade journals and technical literature and his poems have given him an enviable position among Southern poets. His first volume of poems, entitled "In Peaceful Valley," appeared in 1902 and met with a favorable reception. "At the Gate of Dreams" appeared in 1906, followed by "In Love's Domain," in 1909, and by "Gates of Twilight," in 1910. These poems strike a beautiful note and embody style and expression of peculiar individuality.

Brother Harman was born in Lexington, South Carolina, March 18, 1866, and was reared on his father's farm. He received his college education at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, where he became an A. T. O. in the Alpha Upsilon chapter. He was a member of the class of 1885, and while he was not graduated, having to leave college in his senior year to take up active work, years later the college conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts because of his literary attainments. Brother Harman located in Atlanta in 1899, and established the *Southern Architect*, the *Cotton Seed Oil Magazine*, the *Tobacco Journal*, the *Dixie Woodworker* and other trade papers. Since 1905 he has been president of the Southern Periodical Publishers' Association.

On August 3, 1887, Brother Harman married Miss Ella S. Walser, daughter of Henry Walser, of Yadkin College, North Carolina, and they have three children, Henry E. Harman, Jr., Misses Mildred Ella and Dorothy Sutton Harman.

BRUTUS J. CLAY, counsel for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company, is an Atlanta A. T. O. who has achieved splendid success. Though still a young man, he holds a highly responsible position, the duties of which require the highest character of intelligence, ability and judgment. These qualities are peculiarly a part of Brutus Clay.

Brutus Clay was born at Paris, Kentucky, November 28, 1875, and was graduated from Princeton with the degree of A. B. in 1896. He entered the law school at the University of Virginia afterward and received his B. L. degree in 1898. It was while at the university that he became an A. T. O. in the Virginia Delta chapter. He moved to Atlanta in 1899 and has made this city his home since. He has been with the legal department of the Southern Bell for the last eight years.

Brother Clay is a Democrat and was an active supporter of President Woodrow Wilson. He is one of the most popular and substantial citizens of Atlanta and has a particularly bright future.

On November 12, 1912, he married Miss Agnes McEvoy, of Baltimore, Maryland. A daughter was born to them on December 3, 1913, and she has been named Mary Woodford Clay.



J. SAMUEL SLICER, financier. Such is the new title which has been won by the young Virginian (his exact age, not even his closest friends know), who came to Atlanta thirteen years ago as a lawyer, and who today is recognized as one of the shrewdest and most successful investors in Atlanta.

Aside from being president of the Colonial Trust Company and the Security State Bank, Sam Slicer is Atlanta representative of the Mortgage Bond Company, of New York, for which company he has made successful investments of over two millions of dollars.

Brother Slicer was born in Bedford County, Virginia. He became an A. T. O. in the Virginia Beta chapter in 1895, when he entered Washington and Lee University. He was graduated in 1900 with the degree of B. L. Soon afterward, he moved to Atlanta and for eight years practiced law. Although his law practice was by no means unsuccessful, he later gave up law and began to devote his entire time to the financial field in which his success has been almost meteoric.

Brother Slicer has always been a most enthusiastic A. T. O. and an active member of the Atlanta Alumni Association. He was once president of the association, and was the association's delegate to the Congresses at Boston and at Birmingham. He was former Province Chief of Province I. He was chairman of the ball and banquet committee of the twenty-second Congress in Atlanta in 1910, and the success which attended those bright features of that event was largely due to Brother Slicer's careful handling of the details. Though a very busy man, Brother Slicer finds time for society, leads cotillions now and then, and rides horses for recreation.

FAIRFAX EUBANK MONTAGUE, who has just been promoted from the position of general traffic superintendent of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company to a position of larger responsibility under the vice president of these companies, was born at Afton, King and Queen County, Virginia, on March 4, 1861. He entered the Virginia Military Institute as a cadet in July, 1877, where he became a member of the Alpha chapter of A. T. O.

Brother Montague remained at the V. M. I. for only one year. He finished his education at the United States Military Academy,

but did not graduate, nor enter the army. From 1883 to 1900 he practiced civil engineering and during that time lived in Florida, Mexico, Virginia and West Virginia, where he was engaged in the location and construction of railroads.

In 1900 he entered the service of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. His first position with that company was that of manager of the Richmond (Virginia) exchange. Following this he was the engineer in charge of the new telephone plant built by the company in Richmond. In 1903 he was appointed superintendent of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company for the state of Virginia, and in this position he had charge of all the Bell Telephone business in that state.

In January, 1907, he was promoted to superintendent of exchange traffic for the entire Southern Bell system with headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia. In September, 1908, he was again promoted to the position of general traffic superintendent for the Southern Bell Company, and in January, 1913, he was appointed to the same position in the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company. In this position he was at the head of the department which had charge of the traffic in both the Southern Bell and Cumberland Companies, which operate in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Kentucky, and also in the southern part of Indiana and Illinois. His latest promotion to the office of the vice president in Atlanta became effective February 1, 1914.

Brother Montague married Miss Mary Allen Tyler, of Richmond, Virginia, in 1888. They have four sons, three of whom are at the Georgia School of Technology and the youngest is at the Boys' High School, Atlanta.

REV. WILLIS WILKINSON MEMMINGER, rector of All-Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia, one of the largest and most fashionable churches of the city, is a loyal A. T. O. who has had a most interesting and eventful life.

He was born at Tampa, Florida, May 6, 1876. His parents returned to their old home in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1880, and he received his early education in the private schools of that

city. In the summer of 1893, he entered the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tennessee, where he was initiated into the Omega chapter of A. T. O. in the fall of 1893.

He followed a desire to become an actor by entering the American Academy of the Dramatic Arts of New York in 1895, and was graduated from this institution in May, 1897. For three years, Brother Memminger was on the stage, playing the leading comedy role for one year in "The Girl I Left Behind Me," and the same part for two years in "The Heart of Maryland." He traveled all over the country, playing at the important theatrical centers, and was regarded as a most promising actor.

He left the stage in 1900 and was in the fertilizer business for four years. At this time he resolved to devote his life to theology and returned to Sewanee to enter the Theological Seminary. He was ordained a deacon in 1906. He was in charge of St. Helena Church, Beaufort, South Carolina, for six months, and in February, 1906, was called to the rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Charleston. He was ordained a priest in November, 1907, and was later rector of St. Paul's for three years. He became rector of All-Saints' Church, Atlanta, in February, 1910, and is one of the most popular and attractive leaders which that church has had.

He married Miss Ella Drayton Hastie, December 17, 1901, and they have three daughters, Misses Julia Drayton, Elinor Wilkinson and Suzanne Mazyck.

EDWARD ALPHONSO WERNER, Province Chief of Province I, can very properly be classed as an Alpha Tau of Achievement and certainly as an Alpha Tau who has been devoted to the interests and upbuilding of the fraternity. He became an A. T. O. in the Georgia Beta Iota chapter at the Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta. He was a '94 man of that institution and completed his course in mechanical and civil engineering at Cornell in 1896. He is president of the Atlanta Structural Steel Company, a company which he helped organize, and which is now doing a prosperous business all over the Southeast.

Brother Werner was born in Huntsville, Alabama, September 5, 1874, but was reared in Atlanta, and all his business life has been spent in this city. His father, for whom he was named, was one

of the pioneer citizens of Atlanta. Brother Werner is a prominent member of the Central Presbyterian Church and leads the choir. His wife was formerly Miss Elizabeth Weakley, of Nashville, Tennessee, and they live in an attractive little home on Piedmont Avenue.

At the time the Atlanta alumni were making preparations for the entertainment of the twenty-second Congress in 1910, Brother Werner gave his time and aid generously and was a hard worker for the success of that event. He was chairman of the reception committee from the Atlanta Alumni Association for that Congress. He has been a familiar figure at many other Congresses of the fraternity, making it a point to attend every one if he can possibly get away from his business duties. For two terms he has been Chief of Province I.

ROBERT S. QUIN.



## THE SEATTLE ALUMNI

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Before embarking on a narrative of A. T. O. alumni who have thrown in their lot with that of the far Western city of Seattle, it might be as well to satisfy the curiosity of our Eastern brothers who are likely to wonder dimly why men of such ability as to secure a diploma at a great college or university, and of such attainments and character as to have been chosen for the cohorts of the Gold and the Blue, should ever have come out to such a place as Seattle at all.

It seems strange, does it not, that youths of promise should deliberately make their homes in a Wild-West hamlet, where border ruffians daily ambush one another from barricades of tin cans behind "thirst emporiums," where desperate cowboys with their backs to the Pacific Ocean fight off bands of marauding redskins and the law is dealt out in five-cartridge clips?

At the present writing Alpha Tau Omega is represented in Seattle by a loyal band of more than fifty alumni, and an active—exceedingly active—chapter of undergraduates at the State University of Washington. One in every six thousand and twenty Queen City residents is an A. T. O. alumnus; while one in every hundred and twenty students is an active Gold-and-Azure propagandist. Don't get out pencil and paper—the population of Seattle is 301,000 and a little over; the university enrollment is more than 3,000.

A few more facts about Seattle. Only about sixty years old, she is the best-lighted city in the West, the healthiest city in the United States, has the tallest office building in the world outside of New York (the 42-story L. C. Smith Building) and one of the three finest park and playground systems in the country. There are twenty-eight improved parks, ranging from five to two hundred acres, and twenty-two public playgrounds, varying from a city block to thirty acres. Twelve of these are improved with steel outdoor gymnasium apparatus, while four have field houses

and assembly halls. Three fresh-water lakes, the largest thirty miles long, are entirely or partly within the city limits. Thirty miles of a magnificent fifty-mile scenic boulevard skirting their shores and parked all the way, has been completed to date.

Seattle has 178 miles of paved streets, 121 miles of planked streets, and 950 miles of cement walks in the city. The water supply is on a par with any in the country. Each day 68,000,000 gallons of ice water from the glaciers of the Cascade Range of mountains fifty miles away, is delivered to the reservoirs. The water, pure and cold, costs us less than half a cent a barrel.

There are six large high schools and sixty-five grade schools, with a total enrollment of 38,000 pupils. The University of Washington, with the second richest endowment in the United States, is located in the northern part of the city on a 365-acre campus. Besides these, there are many denominational and business colleges. Seattle owns scores of magnificent church edifices, and other scores of theatres, architecturally in the first rank and housing everything from grand opera to the omnipresent movies.

As regards commerce, Seattle boasts of eight transcontinental railroads and no less than fifty-seven steamship lines. The largest freight carrier in the world has her home in Seattle. Seventy-five thousand persons can be accommodated in the hotels, even provided all were so finicky as to demand a room apiece.

The climate in summer averages around 62 degrees F., and in winter 40 degrees of temperature. There is practically no snow, and heat prostrations are unheard of.

Nearly every one goes cruising or camping in summer time. To the west lies the tremendous Olympic Range, barrier against the Pacific trade-winds and full of beautiful lakes and rivers teeming with trout. Southward lies Mount Rainier, nearly fifteen thousand feet high and easy of access by automobile. Hundreds climb it every year. The Cascade Range to the east is equally popular; and ranks of cosy cottages along its river banks attest the number of Seattleites who spend their holidays there. Puget Sound, at the city's doors, far surpasses the Thousand Islands in point of scenic beauty. One could travel here for years in motor boat or sailing yacht and never drop anchor twice in the same harbor.

It is possible to start from Seattle of a May morning in a snug forty footer and cruise for weeks along the coast, scarcely ever in sight of the ocean or in any body of water large enough to be dangerous when rough; through the Canadian archipelago and into the protected inside passage of Alaska, nearly a thousand miles. Some of the islands are submerged mountain peaks, others are covered by vast model fruit and dairy farms. In some harbors, one may anchor directly at the base of a 7,000-foot peak which plunges straight down into the fjord, and replenish the water supply from a fall without going ashore. Every kind of fish from octopi to Rainbow trout, and game, from partridge to black bear, abound in easy distance of the city.

With such a city, whose climate is equable as that of Lotusland, whose opportunities for wonderful play are unsurpassed anywhere in the world, and whose future as the American port nearest the great Orient, may not yet be comprehended, is it any wonder that Seattleites are loyal souls? And this is why the Alpha Tau finds here such a congenial atmosphere. Loyalty is one of the tenets of his creed.

The "old boys" of our fraternity here have not yet built a home of their own; but alumni night invariably finds a goodly number of them at table, smiling, optimistic, and evidently prosperous. And every Sunday night a merry group of old-timers gathers 'round the piano in the big house on Fraternity Row and shows the undergrads how "Bill the Bumper" and "Live Forever A. T. O." ought to be sung. In no city do A. T. O. alumni display or feel more real interest in the welfare of the active chapter than in Seattle. It is a proverb here that if two Alpha Taus meet and greet on the highway, three or four more are sure to join them in two minutes. And not to hurry by with curt nods, either. Members of other fraternities have marveled and commented on the promptness and dispatch with which new A. T. O. arrivals in Seattle are assimilated with the existing organization of alumni.

As yet we have elected no governor or mayor, or even chief of police; but judging from the intense activities behind certain modest shingles, there are hopes for the near future. The fraternity in Seattle is well represented by a type of clean-cut, aggressive young business and professional men which no organization need be ashamed of.



Some of our prominent alumni, with brief sketches of their college and subsequent activities, are as follows:

CHARLES HAWLEY FENN, 531 Lyon Building, Seattle, Mr. Fenn hails from Albion College (Michigan), ex-'96, and was initiated into Michigan Beta Omicron in 1890. For a number of years he was engaged in business in New York City, having been assistant manager of the New York offices of the New York Life and Aetna Life Insurance Companies and assistant to the president of the General Motors Securities Company. He has been in Seattle for about five years and is at present president of the Seattle-Eastern Corporation of New York and Seattle, in addition to many other wide and varying interests. He was married in 1895 to Jean Whitcomb, a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, and who now holds the office of inspector in the sorority.

Mr. Fenn is an Alpha Tau of national prominence, having served the fraternity as Worthy Grand Chief. His presence in Seattle is an inspiration to the Alpha Taus of the Northwest.

ASA HERBERT HANKERSON, Arctic Club, Seattle. Mr. Hankerson graduated from the Cairo (Illinois) High School in 1888, at the age of 15, and was allowed to enter the University of Michigan only by special permission of the faculty. "At that time," says Mr. Hankerson, "I was a 'spindling' youngster of not very strong constitution, and in 1890 I was ordered by my physicians to leave college for a period of at least two years with only a vague promise that I could re-enter at the end of that time; and they gave me positive instructions that I must settle at nothing, but spend my time traveling. I did exactly the reverse of this, going into business a few months later, and have stayed in it ever since." He became a member of the Michigan Beta Lambda chapter in 1889. For the last ten years, his occupation has been that of an exporter of flour and grain. Prior to this, he was engaged in bank work and later in the real estate and rental business in Seattle. Mr. Hankerson came to the Northwest first in 1891. He was married in 1894 to Rubie W. Pease, a graduate of the Michigan Normal School, and returned to Michigan the following year. Returning in 1897 to Seattle, he went later to Honolulu and San Francisco; but has made his home in Seattle for the last seven years. Mr. Hankerson is the present Grand Master of the Masonic fraternity for the state of Washington.



THOMAS J. L. KENNEDY, 7518 Forty-fourth Avenue, Southwest, Seattle. Mr. Kennedy came to the Northwest in 1891, and is a veteran of the Spanish-American War. He is a member of the Gamma Pi chapter, University of Washington, '07, and was initiated in 1906. For some time he was connected with railway building in Alaska and has been active in politics and labor-union work. His profession is that of lawyer and his present position is deputy prosecuting attorney. He has frequently been mentioned as the logical successor to the present prosecutor. Mr. Kennedy was married in 1911 to Mary Smith, a member of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority at the University of Washington. Mr. Kennedy is at present president of the local alumni association.

FRANK FOREST SINKS, 411 Globe Building, Seattle. Mr. Sinks is a charter member of Indiana Gamma Gamma, Rose Polytechnic, '96, and came to the Northwest permanently in March, 1911, one month after his marriage. His profession is civil engineering, and in his specialty, steel and reinforced concrete construction, he is an acknowledged authority in the Northwest. Mr. Sinks is vice president of F. T. Crowe & Co. He has another specialty in addition to his profession; viz., furnishing life and good wholesome fun at every monthly "feed" of the alumni association.

ARTHUR HOMER FISCHER, 401 Pacific Block, Seattle, was born at St. Albans, Vermont, coming to the Pacific Northwest in 1890. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1906 as an engineer and has specialized in coal mining engineering. After considerable experience in coal mines in eastern Oregon, and a few years with the city of Seattle in work of a more general character, Mr. Fischer became identified with the firm of Gardner & Gardner, Seattle, where he has since remained. He is a charter member of the Gamma Pi chapter at Washington. In 1910 he was married to Marion Wrigley, a member of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority from the Lombard (Illinois) chapter of that organization. Mr. Fischer is an organist of considerable renown in Seattle. He has served the local alumni association several terms as president and is now treasurer of the association.

OLIVER PERRY MORTON GOSS, 4750 Sixteenth Avenue, Northeast, Seattle, is a graduate of Purdue University, '04, in civil engineering. He was initiated into the Indiana Gamma Omicron

chapter in 1905. Mr. Goss has been an engineer in the U. S. Forest Service since graduation. He was engaged in timber testing work at the St. Louis Exposition and at Purdue until 1906, and during the following year was an engineer in the Forest Service at Yale University. For the last seven years he has been director of the Seattle Laboratory of the Forest Service, and for four years, lecturer in timber physics at the State University. His present position is consulting timber expert for the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association and the Pacific Coast Creosoting Companies' Association. Married in 1906 to Ethel E. Cowing, of Lafayette, Indiana, he has two children, a boy of six and a girl of one. Mr. Goss holds membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Pacific Northwest Society of Engineers, the American Society for Testing Material, Sigma Xi, Xi Sigma Pi, the University Club, of Madison, Wisconsin, and the College Club, of Seattle. He is the author of the following: "Mechanical Properties of Western Hemlock," "Open Tank Treatment of Douglas Fir and Western Hemlock Paving Blocks."

DAVID LYLE DAVIS, Northwest Trust and Safe Deposit Company, Seattle, was initiated into the Gamma Theta chapter at the University of Nebraska in 1906. He came to the Northwest in 1909 and was married in 1912 to Georgia MacDougall. Since his graduation Mr. Davis has been in the banking business. "I am not a comet in politics, business or finance," he writes modestly.

MARVIN WILLIAM TAYLOR, 307 Leary Building, Seattle, was initiated into Washington Gamma Pi in 1906, and graduated in 1904. He is a charter member of the chapter. Mr. Taylor is an excellent type of what hard work and perseverance will accomplish. Coming to Seattle a poor boy he made his way through school and college under trying circumstances. He has made good and his present success is well deserved. He is at the present time president of the Taylor-Hartzell Company, Inc., with headquarters in Seattle. Though the company's business in wholesale hay, grain and produce keeps him busy on both sides of the Cascade Mountains, "Marve" is always in evidence at the alumni "feeds."

RUSSELL PARKER, 530 Thirty-second Avenue, Seattle, was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1883. Mr. Parker came to Seattle in 1907. Before making his home here, he had been in the stone quarry business for a number of years. He was initiated into Washington Gamma Pi in 1907, leaving college before his graduation to accept a position as credit manager for the H. W. Johns-Manville Company. For the past two years he has edited and managed the *Logged-Off Farms Magazine*, a monthly devoted to the settlement and cultivation of the unoccupied farm lands of the great Northwest. Mr. Parker's services are in great demand as an amateur tenor of rare talent, and have been ever since the old A. T. O. quartet college days. He has served several terms as secretary of the Western Washington Alumni Association and is at present serving in that capacity.

ALEXANDER C. HANNON, 2359 Tenth Avenue, North, Seattle, graduated from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama, where he became a member of the Alabama Alpha Epsilon chapter in 1898. He was married in 1909 and came to Seattle the same year. His business is that of a lumber manufacturer and broker.

CLARENCE JAMES DUNLAP, 526 First Avenue, South, Seattle, was born at Laconner, Washington, where he attended high school, attaining considerable fame as an athlete. He was initiated into Washington Gamma Pi in 1908. While in college Mr. Dunlap designed and built the launch used by the rowing coach to follow the crews on the lakes in practice. After several years' experience as a salesman of marine gas engines, he organized the Seattle Boat and Engine Company, of which he is general manager. "Dunnie" insists that his chief claim to fame is his ability to shoot ducks at any range and in any kind of weather.

F. A. CHURCHILL, JR., 608 Olympic Place, Seattle, has the distinction of being a native son of Seattle. Displaying unusual talent in many lines throughout the earlier years of his life, it is but natural that he should have become an Alpha Tau shortly after entering the University of Washington in 1908. Mr. Churchill left college shortly before graduation in 1912, to take up



newspaper work on one of the leading Seattle dailies. After a year of this work he conducted the *Week End*, a political paper in Victoria, British Columbia, returning to Seattle last fall. At present Mr. Churchill is engaged successfully in literary work, his stories appearing from time to time in the leading popular magazines.

GEORGE CECIL RANDELL, 2414 Jackson Street, Seattle, received his A. B. degree from Washington in 1904 and his law degree two years later. He is a charter member of Washington Gamma Pi. Immediately after his graduation he entered the real estate business in Seattle and has followed the same line of business practically ever since. He is at present manager of the bond department of the Northern Bond and Mortgage Company, Seattle.

G. D. ELLSWORTH, JR., Lowman Building, Seattle, is the son of G. D. Ellsworth, for many years Worthy Grand Keeper of the Exchequer, and was coxswain of the varsity eight at Cornell. He was initiated into the Beta Theta chapter in 1904, and graduated in civil engineering. Since coming to Seattle he has been an engineer with the Sound Construction Company.

EDWARD M. LANG was born in Minnesota, but headed for Seattle as soon as he was able to walk, which was when he was 5 years old. He was a long-distance runner in college, earning his letter in this sport. He was initiated into Washington Gamma Pi in 1910. He is at present building superintendent with West & Wheeler, Colman Building, Seattle. Mr. Lang is a grand-nephew of Andrew Lang, the recently deceased Scotch poet.

JAMES C. MEECE was born in Wichita, Kansas, and came West with his parents in 1893, having lived in the Puget Sound country ever since. He became a member of Washington Gamma Pi in 1907, but left college for business before his graduation. He is now an inspector and engineer for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Seattle.

WILLIAM SPURCK, 324 Leary Building, Seattle. Mr. Spurck is a native of Nelson, Nebraska. He came to Seattle with his parents in 1906 and became a member of Washington Gamma Pi



the same year. He was the Washington delegate to the Alpha Tau Congress in 1910. Mr. Spurck has been engaged in the real estate, insurance and rental business for several years and the convenient location of his office has made it a sort of alumni headquarters, where some member of A. T. O. may be found almost any time of the day.

ARTHUR W. KIRKWOOD hails from Chicago, Illinois. He attended the University of Illinois, being initiated into the Gamma Zeta chapter in 1901. Shortly after his graduation he came to Seattle and became interested in the Western Supply Company as treasurer. Two years ago the name of the company was changed to the Bourret-Kirkwood Company, by which name it is known and carries on business at 316 Second Avenue, South, Seattle, handling laundry machinery.

CLAUDE M. YOULE, Illinois Gamma Zeta, is one of the good old-timers, having come to the Northwest a dozen years ago. For a number of years he was the proprietor of a men's furnishing business in Spokane, Washington. Since his arrival in Seattle a year or more ago, he has not missed an alumni "feed." His chief regret, he says, is that he did not come over to Seattle sooner. Mr. Youle is manager of the men's furnishing department of Frederick & Nelson, one of the largest institutions in Seattle.

ARTHUR W. MCCORD was initiated into Alabama Beta Beta in 1895 and has been exceedingly active in fraternity affairs ever since that time. He was provisional Province Chief of Province I in 1898 and 1899, and Province Chief of the same province in 1899. From 1900 until 1903 he was Chief of Province VIII. He was largely instrumental in securing a charter for the Washington Gamma Pi chapter; in fact, it was owing to his untiring efforts that Alpha Tau entered the University of Washington in 1906. He was a member of the High Council from 1906 to 1908. Mr. McCord has been engaged in business on the Pacific Coast and in the East in several lines during the past ten years. At present he is secretary-treasurer of the McCord Company, Portland, Oregon; his brother, F. S. McCord, Portland, Oregon, also an Alpha Tau, being president. The company publishes the *Commercial Recorder*, covering business changes and happenings in the Pacific

Northwest. A. W. McCord is the Seattle representative of the company. He is married and lives at 2802 Yesler Way, Seattle. His business address is 518 Hinckley Block.

GEORGE GRAY LAIL, was born in Kentucky, and having come to Washington with his parents at an early age, attended the high school at Wenatchee, Washington. He entered the University of Washington in 1906 and was initiated into Washington Gamma Pi the same year. He graduated in electrical engineering and was married the following year. Since leaving college he has been engaged in fruit raising in eastern Washington, having made his home in Seattle during a good part of each year. Mr. Lail has been very successful in his business and is a welcome addition to the table at the alumni "feeds."

In addition to the foregoing, there are many worthy Alpha Taus in Seattle, who are not chronicled for lack of space and let us say in conclusion that they are linked together in bonds of loyalty which grow stronger with every year.

On the first Saturday of every month the alumni gather at the Arctic Club for a "feed" in goodly numbers, and they represent nearly every section of the country. With the serving of the dinners the stories and jokes go the rounds, and with the final cigars a feeling of splendid fellowship is manifest.

Our only regret is that all of the three hundred and more Alpha Taus in the Northwest are unable to come and join in these meetings. However, from time to time new faces are noted and frequently some of the active members from the university come down to listen to the voice of wisdom speaking from age and experience and to imbibe the true spirit of A. T. O.

Whenever an Alpha Tau, from wheresoever he hails, visits Seattle he is invited to join with us on the first Saturday of every month; in fact, we shall make it uncomfortable for him if we find he has come to the city and neglected this sacred duty. We shall welcome him to full participation in our good time without a moment's hesitation.

BY AN ALUMNUS.

## JOHN W. HAMILTON

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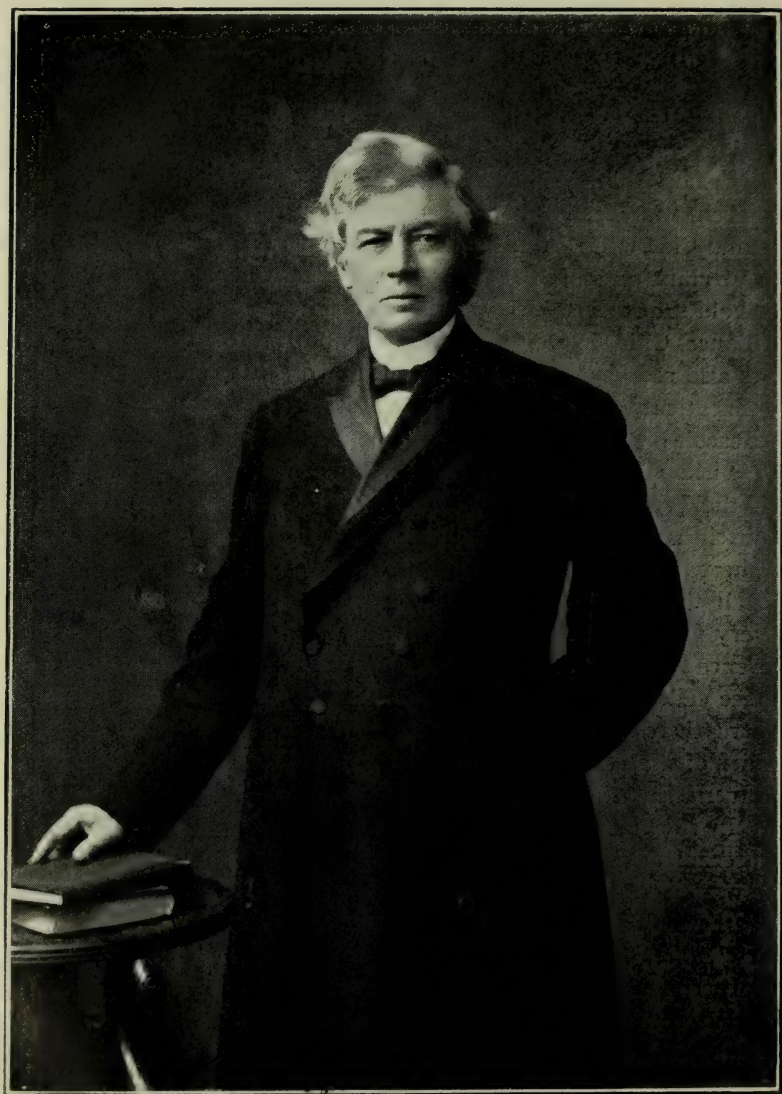
Bishop John William Hamilton, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was elected at our last Congress to the office of Worthy Grand Chaplain. A Southerner, born of one of the first families of Virginia, on March 18, 1845, it seems that he is peculiarly fitted to hold that office. He was graduated from Mt. Union College at Alliance, Ohio, in 1865, and from Boston University in 1871. He has also received the degree of Master of Arts from Wesleyan in Connecticut, and of Doctor of Divinity from Baker University in Kansas.

Bishop Hamilton later founded, and was for eight years pastor of, the People's Church, Boston. Since then his duties with the church have carried him to all corners of the world, and only for a short time has he remained in any one place. He was a member of all the great General Conferences of his church, which came every four years from 1884 to 1900, and it was at the 1900 conference that he received his election as bishop of the church. This office called for residence in San Francisco, and during his eight years there he was particularly active in raising funds for the relief of his church debts, and for the endowment of the coast universities.

In 1898 his duties carried him to Ireland and England as the fraternal delegate to the churches of those countries. In 1892 he was elected corresponding secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, and some years later in this capacity had charge as superintendent of Methodist schools in sixteen southern states.

His activities in the church have by no means been confined to his native country, for he has visited churches of his denomination over all of Europe; and since his election as bishop he has been called upon to cross the Atlantic ten times, and has traveled 20,000 miles on the Pacific. He has founded missions in Alaska, has organized the churches in the Hawaiian Islands into missions, and has held jurisdiction over his churches in Mexico and Porto Rico.





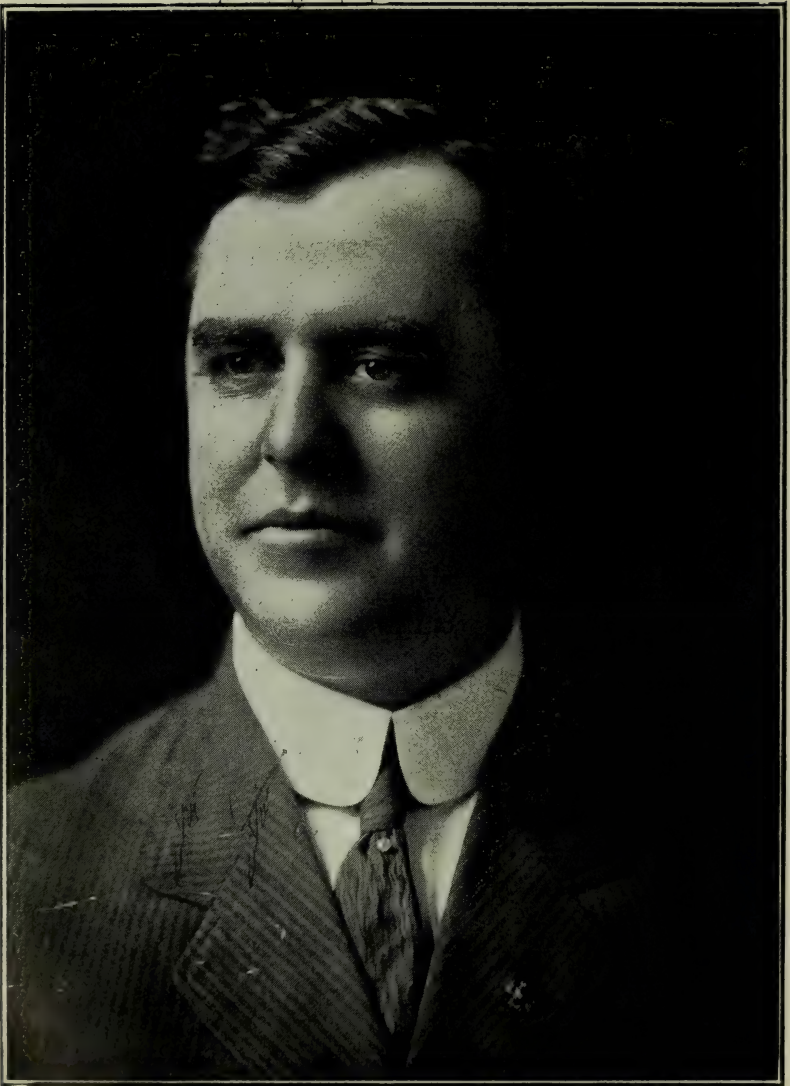
BISHOP JOHN W. HAMILTON  
Worthy Grand Chaplain



His duties since have been many and varied. In 1908 he came to Boston to act as resident bishop for the New England states, and has been directly instrumental in raising large sums of money for the work of his church in his diocese. While here he also devoted considerable energy to reform movements, and in securing the admission of women to high offices in his church. Incidental to his time in Boston he presided over the largest political convention ever held in Massachusetts, and there declined the offer of nomination to Governor of the state. In the conference of his church of 1911 he was chosen president of the business committee of that conference, arranging all of the sessions and activities of the body for the succeeding ten years. This conference was composed of 500 delegates representing over 40,000,000 of Methodists in all parts of the world.

He is not only prominent in his own church, but is also active in interdenominational movements in this country and Europe, being a member of the Federal Council of the Protestant churches of America. In this capacity he is the chairman of the committee to secure a world conference of all the Christian denominations, and along this same line was recently elected by the Protestant Episcopal churches of the United States to go to Europe to secure the attendance of all non-conformist churches in conference when called.

Brother Hamilton was initiated into A. T. O. at the Mt. Union chapter. When he studied at that college there were no Greek-letter fraternities there, and it was not until several years later, when offered the presidency of that college, he returned to deliver a baccalaureate sermon, that our chapter there initiated him. Previous to this he became a member of Eccectus, a very important local society at Wesleyan University. His extended work and travel, which has sent him across the continent from San Francisco to New York thirty-three times and into every state and territory of the United States, has given him the opportunity of visiting many of our chapters. He is a very busy man, but in spite of this fact and his comparative slight activity in our fraternity, he has a great interest in its men and affairs, and takes advantage of every opportunity to be among us here in Boston.



ROBERT E. LEE SANER  
Worthy High Chancellor

## ROBERT E. LEE SANER

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[The following sketch is taken from a book, entitled, "Makers of Dallas," published several years ago. Since the publication Brother Saner has been appointed a member of a commission to adopt a permanent plan for the development of Dallas; has become a director of the Texas Traction Company and the Southern Traction Company; elected a member of the General Council for Texas of the American Bar Association; appointed to the committee of the American Bar Association to recommend remedies to prevent delays and unnecessary costs in litigation; elected president of the Bar Association of Texas, and elected Worthy High Chancellor of Alpha Tau Omega.—EDITOR.]

Born near Washington, Arkansas, on a farm, August 9, 1871; son of John Franklin and Susan Crawford (Webb) Saner; educated in the public and high schools at Washington and Hope, Arkansas; graduated at the Hope High School, June, 1887, and commenced teaching a country school at Seymour, near Washington, July 1st of that year, before he was 16 years of age. This school was considered a very difficult place to teach, as the students had caused two teachers the year before to leave the school unfinished, on account of their obnoxious conduct. He taught three summer sessions of three months each at this school and made a record as a disciplinarian that became well known over the county. After the first session taught at Seymour, near Washington, he taught a five-months school in the lower end of Hempstead County, Arkansas, at Centerville. During the sessions of the above schools, on Saturdays, at picnics and other public gatherings, he made many speeches and had many public debates with other school teachers throughout the county and had many invitations to speak throughout the county. In this way he became well known as a young public speaker, winning a gold medal for oratory in a public contest at Hope, Arkansas, in the summer of 1869. In 1888 he had saved up enough money to enter Searcy College, located at Searcy, Arkansas, after having won a scholarship in a public contest held for that purpose, making a general average of ninety-nine per cent. In 1889, finding that his funds were running short, he, together

with a stranded painter, by the name of Hill, established and conducted, after school hours, the first daily newspaper ever published in Searcy, which was known as the *Searcy Morning Call*. This paper was sold by them within a year after its establishment to James Baugh, and its name changed to the *Searcy Daily Citizen*, and has since continued under that name. His work upon the little daily paper enabled him to make enough money to finish out the year at the college, where he took high rank in mathematics and was elected president of the literary society.

During his college course he and a classmate by the name of Sam Deener engaged with Arthur Deland and William B. Smith, two other students, in a public debate during the commencement exercises. Both Smith and Deland were capable debaters, and it was thought by Saner that his opponents being better debaters and having their subject more thoroughly in hand, would undoubtedly win, unless he could make them mad and lose their head, which he proceeded to do, and both DeLand and Smith being high tempered, forgot their subject and demeaned Saner, making a vicious personal attack in their speeches upon him, while Saner, having accomplished his purpose, stuck to his subject, not replying to their personal attacks, and by this ruse won the debate for his side, thus demonstrating generalship in handling himself in a contest of this character.

In the fall of 1890 he was offered and accepted a place as general agent for the Searcy and West Point Railroad, a small line of railroad running from Searcy to West Point, Arkansas, and connecting with the Iron Mountain system at Kensett, Arkansas. In this position he was also agent for the Pacific Express Company and the Waters Pierce Oil Company. He succeeded Thomas Paschall, who left the railway service to take the position of cashier in a newly organized bank, and while Mr. Saner was not an expert bookkeeper, after ten days' training, working frequently most of the night upon the books, after Mr. Paschall had tutored him through the day, he took over the business with a number of clerks and trained men and others under his charge, and conducted same successfully until the fall of 1892, when he had saved up enough money to enter Vanderbilt University at Nashville,



Tennessee, entering the law department of that institution in the fall of 1892. After the session had closed, and looking forward to augmenting his slender resources by further work, he was engaged by a Chicago school furniture house and canvassed portions of the states of Kentucky and Indiana. Returning to Arkansas he brought his younger brother, John C. Saner, who entered Vanderbilt University in the fall of 1893, and they together remained in that institution until the end of the term 1895. In the summers of 1894-95-96 he traveled for Belmont College, a young ladies' school of Nashville, Tennessee, always making a sufficient amount to continue him and to aid his brother in pursuing their studies at the university. He was the winner of the Young medal in oratory in 1893. Before this contest considerable fun was made of him by the older students for his presumption in entering the contest for this honor during his first year at the university; usually those who entered such contests were juniors and seniors. His fraternity mates went so far as to have him rewrite his speech several times, and frankly told him they were afraid he would reflect upon them by failing to win a place in the preliminary contest. He, however, persisted, and not only won a place on the preliminary contest, but won the medal at the commencement. The ridicule that he endured during this first year for his supposed breach of the proprieties for entering this contest convinced him that there was a strong faction of upper classmen controlling the student politics of the university and he determined to clip their wings and commenced to organize the disaffected ones, and so thoroughly was his organization perfected that during the beginning of the next session he had everything within his control and was elected president of the Philosophic Literary Society, and the next year was elected business manager of the *Vanderbilt Observer*, a magazine published by the several literary societies. His success in securing control of the student politics and punishing those who sneered at him was so complete that he was referred to in the university annual, issued by the combined Greek-letter fraternities, as the "Richard Croker" of Vanderbilt University.

During his university career he was an ardent fraternity man, having joined the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in the fall of 1892,

and during his stay at Vanderbilt "spiked" every man that joined his fraternity from the time he joined until he left the university. He was selected by his chapter as a delegate to the thirteenth biennial Congress, which met at Washington City, December, 1894, and has filled many of the most prominent places of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, the last being a member of the High Council.

In 1894 he was a contestant for the Founders' medal in oratory and came within one vote of winning the same. If he had been successful in this contest he would have broken the record of Vanderbilt University, as no man had ever won the two medals in oratory. The following year he was a contestant for a place to represent Vanderbilt University in the Southern Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest and missed this honor again by one vote, being selected as the alternate. At the end of the scholastic year in 1895 he removed to Dallas, Texas, and entered the University of Texas, at Austin, Texas, for the fall term, and while at the University of Texas was again selected in a preliminary contest to represent the University of Texas at the Southern Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest, but failed by one vote in speaking before the Supreme Court of Texas as the judges upon this occasion, and was again selected as the alternate. He graduated at the University of Texas in June, 1896, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. After finishing his law course he returned to Dallas and opened up a law office. In 1898, during the contest for Governor, he was induced by his friends in southern Texas to take the Secretary's place for North Texas in the Sayers' campaign committee. After Governor Sayers was nominated and elected Governor of Texas, he was made secretary of the State Democratic Executive Committee and continued in that position until the latter part of 1899, when he resigned to become attorney for the Landed Endowment of the University of Texas, which connection is still retained by him and under his efficient management the revenues have gradually climbed up from about \$40,000 from land leases to more than \$160,000 per year.

Soon after locating in Dallas the late Governor Barnett Gibbs resigned his place on the board of directors of the Dallas Commercial Club and in doing so requested this organization to elect

Mr. Saner to the vacancy created by Governor Gibbs' resignation. This was done and for several years Mr. Saner was an enthusiastic advocate of Greater Dallas, serving as chairman of the city development committee.

Mr. Saner joined the Texas Bar Association at the Galveston meeting in 1899 and seeing the membership that attended the meeting from over the state was so small, the total membership then being less than one hundred, joined with Judge Phillip Lindley, of Dallas, in getting them to adopt a new policy, and instead of meeting at Galveston each year, as they had for nearly twenty years, to meet in the different cities of the state, thus enthusing the local bars of the different sections. This policy being carried out, going first to Dallas and then to the other cities of the state in turn, the membership of the State Bar Association has grown until it has about five hundred members at the present time. In 1901 he was elected a director of the Texas Bar Association and has remained on the board continuously since that time, having been chosen five times as chairman of the board of directors, an honor never conferred upon any member before in the history of the association. He is now vice president for Texas of the American Bar Association (1908-09), and is a member of the International Law Association. He is known in whatever work he is engaged in as a "doer" of things and has a splendid record in the Texas Bar Association in this connection by the splendid programs arranged by him for their annual meetings. He was a delegate to the Universal Congress of Jurists and Lawyers at St. Louis in 1904. He is a member of the M. E. Church South; director of the Commonwealth National Bank; director of the Saner-Whiteman Lumber Company; general counsel for the Caro Northern Railway Company, and president of the United Securities Company. He has been successful in his work and is even now comfortably fixed so far as the world's goods are concerned.

## A DEFENSE OF COLLEGE FRATERNITIES

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At the recent Greek Editors' dinner in New York, George Banta, the chairman of the Committee on Legislation of the Inter-Fraternity Conference, said that the best defense of the Greek-letter college fraternity system he has ever read was contained in a letter written to him by the president of a small New York college. Further inquiry disclosed the fact that the letter was written by Doctor Gunnison, of St. Lawrence University, the alma mater of Worthy Grand Chief Giffin, who secured a copy of the letter for the PALM. It is worth reprinting.

CANTON, N. Y., October 14, 1913.

GEORGE BANTA,

Chairman Committee on Anti-Fraternity

Legislation of the Inter-Fraternity Conference.

Dear Sir:

I am a strong believer in college fraternities. I have summered and wintered with them, have helped to wrestle for their charters, have agonized to help pay for their buildings, have delivered annual addresses of greater or lesser eloquence and have had to call out of the conference some member of the conference to get the orator in, because he had forgotten the password and the various genuflexions of the fraternity learned in undergraduate days when the universe turned on the axis of the fraternity.

There are seven fraternities in my college. I have listened to their serenades under the presidential windows; I have seen the cajolings of the rushing squads, and have pitied the guileless freshmen as I have seen them melt into weakness beneath the sorceries of the belles of the sororities, and in the language of a classic writer whose immortal words you have forgotten, "a part of which I was."



And in spite of it all I believe in them. They foster friendships which are enduring and there is no art better than the art of friendship. Their members stand by each other; they are helpers in trouble; they watch the sick and comfort the mourners. They guard the weak against temptation, give energy to the faint-hearted, prod the lazy, and are friends, true, patient and enduring.

A fraternity cannot afford to have ill conduct, rowdyism and hoodlumism in its members. Bad scholarship mars the fraternity and public opinion. College public sentiment ostracizes the fraternity whose members are of ill repute, either in scholarship or conduct.

The fraternities are get-at-able; they are responsive to faculty suggestions for good order and jealous for the repute of their members.

It may be interest in the fraternity instead of in the college, but whatever the motive the result is the same; that which is good for the college is good for the fraternity and vice versa.

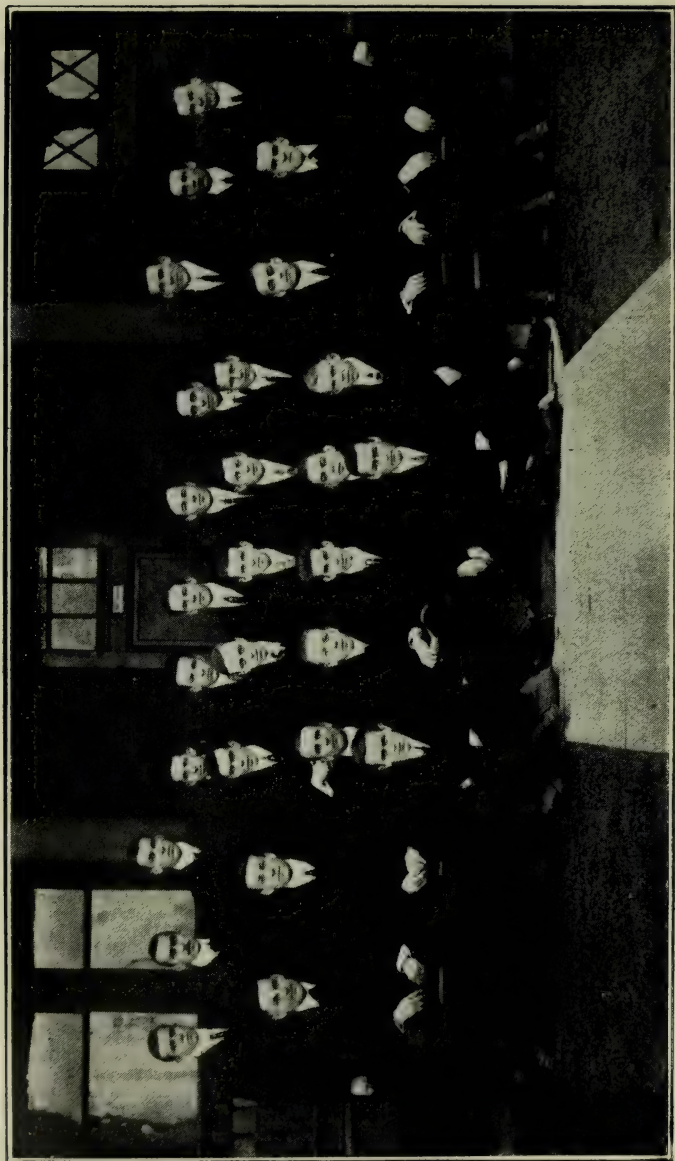
The inter-fraternity conference is excellent; it harmonizes and standardizes the fraternities; it gives the sanity of more mature and wiser men; what the alumni say, goes, not always, but generally, and men become wise when they go out of college.

I get letters from the heads of the fraternities, and they are wise and sympathetic; they counsel the best things; they are confidential and they stand for the best; it is a wise plan for supervision.

I have great respect for college fraternities. A wise and noted college president answered the question, "What is the best product of a college course?" by saying, "The friendships it has made!" He was the wisest of men; there is nothing better than inspiring comradeship, and nothing has yet been discovered as the stimulator of comradeship better than the fraternities of our college.

Yours very truly,

ALMON GUNNISON, *President*  
*St. Lawrence University.*



PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA OMEGA—PENN STATE COLLEGE

## THE PENN STATE INSTALLATION

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On Friday, February 6, 1914, at 11.30 P. M., a lusty "Ruh! Rah! Rega!" issuing from the throats of some eighty Alpha Taus in the sitting room of the chapter house at Pennsylvania State College proclaimed the death of the Delphi Fraternity and the birth of the Pennsylvania Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega.

When the chapters had unanimously passed the petition of the Delphi Club for a charter the Worthy Grand Chief issued a permit for its installation and designated Province Chief James S. Truman as the chief installing officer and Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer Max S. Erdman and Worthy Grand Scribe Claude T. Reno as his assistants. Early Thursday morning, February 5th, the last two named arrived at State College and proceeded to make preparations for the coming event. At noon, the chief installing officer arrived and the initiation of the candidates was started. There were forty-seven of them and as each initiate was given the essential portions of the prescribed initiation ceremony separately, the task was of stupendous proportions. The installing officers spent all of Thursday afternoon and most of that night, together with Friday morning and a part of that afternoon, upon their task. They were, however, ably assisted by a large number of the alumni and active members who arrived during Thursday and Friday, among whom may be mentioned Worthy Grand Chief Nathan F. Giffin; Prof. W. H. Reese (Pennsylvania Alpha Iota); Edgar F. Sanders (Pennsylvania Alpha Iota), a student at State College; Prof. S. C. Cates (Maine Gamma Alpha), of the State College faculty; A. K. Skean (Pennsylvania Alpha Iota); G. H. Hummel (Pennsylvania Alpha Upsilon); F. G. Thorn (Pennsylvania Tau), and many others.

By Friday afternoon all had been initiated into the Fraternity and there remained only the formal installation of the chapter. However, it was deemed advisable to conduct a model initiation

so that the new chapter might have a visual demonstration of the proper manner of conducting this beautiful and impressive ceremony. Accordingly, the large and commodious living room of the chapter house was converted into a Temple of Friendship, arranged in strict accordance with every requirement of the secret work. The paraphernalia had been prepared by the new chapter in accordance with the plans and specifications recently drawn by Frank W. Frewan (California Gamma Iota) and Park M. French (Pennsylvania Tau), as a committee appointed for that purpose by the Worthy Grand Chief. The baldrics were made of silk and were the handsomest regalia the writer has ever seen. In fact, every detail of the secret work, in so far as it relates to the proper conduct of the initiatory ceremony, was provided in a manner that speaks volumes of praise of the efficiency of the new chapter.

The staff that conducted the model initiation consisted of the following: W. M., James S. Truman; W. C., Max S. Erdman; W. K. E., A. H. Williams (Pennsylvania Tau); W. K. A., Charles P. Brinton (Pennsylvania Alpha Rho); W. Sc., Claude T. Reno; W. U., A. K. Slean (Pennsylvania Alpha Iota); and W. S., John C. Meyers (Pennsylvania Alpha Upsilon). The candidate who received the careful ministrations was James E. Watson of the new chapter. The staff and the candidate, as well as the entire company of fifty or more attendants, were clothed in evening clothes, making the event not only very impressive, but also good to look upon. At the proper point in the ceremony the secret work was fully explained by Prof. William H. Reese (Pennsylvania Alpha Iota), illustrated with large drawings of the badge, the seal and the coat-of-arms. This feature was one of the most interesting and pleasing of a long line of enjoyable events incident to the installation and was commended by many of the older members present who declared that they had never had the opportunity of familiarizing themselves with the secret work by such an exhaustive and explanatory exemplification of it. The entire ceremony was on par with the lecture by Professor Reese, and the writer, although a veteran in the service, has never witnessed anything quite as elaborate, accurate or complete.





INSTALLATION AND PROVINCE BANQUET, PENN STATE COLLEGE, FEBRUARY 7, 1914

The formal installation followed. It appears that no form for the installation ceremony has ever been devised. Worthy Grand Chief Nathan F. Giffin accordingly prepared a very elaborate and impressive ritualistic form for that purpose which was used for the first time on this evening, making Pennsylvania Gamma Omega the first chapter to be formally installed in accordance with a prescribed ceremonial. After the initiation had been concluded, Province Chief James S. Truman required the new initiates to elect its officers for the ensuing term, which were duly installed by Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer Max S. Erdman in their respective stations. The Province Chief then reported to the Worthy Grand Chief that the chapter was organized and ready to do business and that officer delivered to the chapter its charter, a copy of the Constitution and of the secret work, delivering a most eloquent charge to the chapter as to its duties and its privileges. And then with the new Worthy Master of the infant chapter in the chair, and the new officers in their stations, the chapter closed in form and the new and old brothers joined in a hearty "Ruh! Rah! Rega!" for Pennsylvania Gamma Omega.

Saturday morning was devoted to the business session of the conclave of Province V, which is elsewhere reported in this number.

Saturday afternoon was given over to a reception tendered to the new chapter and to the Grand Officers. The chapter house was appropriately decorated for the event, and between the hours of three and six more than five hundred invited guests—faculty members, their wives, students and residents of State College—passed along the receiving line, extending their greetings to the Grand Officers and their congratulations to the new chapter. In the receiving line, in the order named, were: Mrs. Edwin E. Sparks, wife of the president of State College; Worthy Grand Chief Nathan F. Giffin; Mrs. W. R. Ham, wife of Prof. W. R. Ham (Maine Beta Upsilon); Province Chief James S. Truman; Mrs. Arthur L. Wright, wife of Prof. Arthur L. Wright (Rhode Island Gamma Delta); Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer Max S. Erdman; Mrs. B. O. Severson, wife of Prof. B. O. Severson (Wisconsin Gamma Tau); and Worthy Grand Scribe Claude T. Reno. In the dining room, Mrs. Henry P. Armsby, wife of Prof. H. P. Armsby, assisted by a number of the ladies of the faculty, dis-

pensed light refreshments. Altogether it was one of the most delightful events of the week and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The last and crowning event of the affair was the banquet held Saturday evening at the Nittany Inn. Here, in the appropriately decorated banquet hall, about seventy Alpha Taus sat down to a splendidly prepared repast in which the same careful attention to every minor detail which had been observable throughout the week was particularly marked. Even the neapolitan ice cream was served in the fraternity colors, causing the witty toastmaster to remark that he wore his colors inside as well as outside. The post-prandial exercises were interesting as well as instructive. Province Chief James S. Truman presided very gracefully and very acceptably. Worthy Grand Chief Giffin, in responding to the toast "Alpha Tau Omega," presented a brief historical sketch of the fraternity, as did also Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer Erdman. I. P. Naugle and H. L. Bowman, of the new chapter, speaking for Pennsylvania Gamma Omega, expressed its thanks for the honor conferred upon it. Steward Rhue, on behalf of the chapter, in a very clever speech, presented to Prof. V. Ray Jones (Maine Gamma Alpha) a beautiful diamond-jeweled badge of the fraternity in recognition of his valued service to the applicant club. Dr. W. R. Ham (Maine Beta Upsilon) and Worthy Grand Scribe Claude T. Reno responded briefly.

Thus closed the events of three very enjoyable days. No chapter has ever started under more auspicious circumstances. The chapter has already shown remarkable efficiency in its attention to every detail of the ceremonies and this augurs well for the future. Moreover, the chapter starts with a fine crowd of splendid young men, among whom are the sons of S. O. Thorn and F. H. Easby, both early initiates of Pennsylvania Tau. Brother S. O. Thorn officiated as Worthy Master when his son was initiated. Its alumni, about twenty in number, returned for initiation and they have shown an interest in the new chapter which promises to be both abiding and valuable. In short, Pennsylvania Gamma Omega is a valuable acquisition to Alpha Tau Omega, as the coming years will amply show.

## THE DELPHI CLUB

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The Delphi Club came into existence on March 21, 1909, at the Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa., in a private residence, then being operated as a boarding and lodging house by a Mrs. Botterhorn. The founders were five men who had collected in a room with the idea, not of founding a fraternity or local club, but merely of forming a small band of men, each one of whom was well known to the other, and thus be able to get away from the necessary difficulties of a boarding house. These five men were Frank P. O'Neill, Joseph A. Tinsman, John A. Rankin, Paul Wetzel and Arthur Williams. Immediately after this organization was effected, Williams was compelled to leave college on account of ill health and some time later died, never having been a member of the Delphi Club which he had helped to originate. These four men then took over one-half of the boarding house and then started to enlarge their membership until it had grown to eighteen members. During the whole of this collegiate year 1908 and 1909 the group occupied the private house. It was during this year and toward the end of it, when the idea of petitioning the president and the student organizations committee for recognition as a local club was suggested. On March 21st the petition was granted and the local club came into existence. The founders, thinking that the name should be one of Greek origin or letters, consulted Doctor Gill, then chaplain and professor of languages at the college. The name decided on was "Delphi," which Doctor Gill translated from a Greek word meaning "Good-fellowship." Of the eighteen members of the original crowd seventeen then became charter members. These were as follows: Harry L. Bowman, D. Arthur Clapp, Richard B. Clapp, Brinton R. Evans, B. Roy Norton, Howard N. Lentz, Walter L. Niebling, Daniel Irwin, John Telleys, Jr., J. George Jordan, Francis P. O'Neill, Frank E. Gaffney, Harry K. Keil, Ogden B. Malin, John A. Rankin, Joseph A. Tinsman and Paul Wetzel.



At the close of the collegiate year 1909-10 it was decided that the best plan to follow in securing a club house was to have one built for its special purpose. As a result the house occupied by the present chapter was built by a Mr. Evey, and rented to the Delphi Club on a lease of five years. In furnishing the house a debt of \$800 was contracted, \$200 of which was immediately paid off by members' subscriptions, and the remaining \$600 was to be paid in two years.



A. T. O. HOUSE—PENN STATE COLLEGE

At the opening of the college year 1910 the new house was ready for occupancy and started as the home of the Delphi Club with fourteen of the seventeen charter members and eight men who had been taken in 1909-10 present. Thus it was that the Delphi Club really started in September, 1910, in a new house with a debt of \$600 to pay off and with the problem of establishing a reputation among college men confronting them. During this year five new men were taken in, which number, added to those who had been taken in in 1909-10, brought the total to twenty-seven. Of these twenty-seven, eleven were seniors and charter members and at the close of the year were graduated. This left

sixteen men to return for the year 1911-12. This was the most disastrous year of our career and one long to be remembered. Good fraternity material seemed to be scarce and as a result only three new men were added, bringing the total to nineteen. However, at the end of this year the \$600 debt had been paid off. Three men were graduated this year and the year 1912-13 started with sixteen men, two of whom were charter members. During the year twelve new men were added, totaling twenty-eight which made this year a good predecessor for our banner year 1913-14. At the beginning of this year twenty-two old men, one charter member still remaining, were back, and eight new men were added, making a total of thirty active members.

Of the twenty-nine Delphi alumni, four were elected to the honorary scholastic fraternity, Tau Beta Pi, and one of the four was a member of both Tau Beta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi; eleven were members of varsity athletic teams; three were class officers; several were members of honorary competitive societies; four were numeral men; and three were banquet speakers in their junior and senior years, respectively.

It seems that the idea of the Greek-letter Delta was suggested by the name Delphi; consequently the pledge pin has always been a purple and gray enamel one in the shape of a Delta.

The motto, which is suggestive of the idea which caused the formation originally of the little band in the old house, and which shows the manner in which the original five meant to stand by one another, is "United in brotherhood until death do us part."

During the year 1912-13 a coat-of-arms was designed by Henry W. Campbell and Harry K. Keil, the latter a charter member who had returned for special work. On it are shown four stars, indicating the four founders of the Delphi Club; a broken chain, suggesting the parting after death; a skull, indicating death; hills, indicating brotherhood; four bars, suggesting union; and the abbreviation, in Greek letters at the bottom, of the motto, "United in brotherhood until death do us part."

The colors of the club have always been from the time of organization, royal purple and steel gray.

The badge is in the shape of a shield, on which is mounted a skull and crossbones, the eyes of which are set in rubies, and the whole pin is set in opals.

It was in the spring of 1910 that a stranger, visiting one of the active members of the Delphi Club, suggested that a national fraternity be petitioned for a charter. This seemed to be the necessary stimulus, and as a result a list of national fraternities was secured and Alpha Tau Omega selected. It was then learned that J. N. D. Buchman, secretary of the State College Y. M. C. A., and V. Ray Jones, of the faculty, were members of Alpha Tau Omega. They were approached on the subject and information secured as to how to proceed. It was not very long before we were working on data, always receiving suggestions from the seven Alpha Tau Omega men present. Those, besides Brothers Jones and Buchman were Messrs. Severson, Ham and Smith, of the faculty, and Sanders, a member of the Muhlenberg chapter, taking work here. After having collected data sufficient to petition, the delegates from the five chapters were sent to meet us. Soon after we were notified of our unsuccessful petition. We immediately started out to remedy our mistakes and make a renewed effort to secure a charter of Alpha Tau Omega. Continually urged on by our desire to secure a charter, and advised by the Alpha Tau Omega men here, we petitioned again in the fall of 1912, and on Saturday, December 14, 1913, we were notified by Province Chief Truman of our successful petition.

Thus comes to an end the history of the Delphi Club as a local fraternity at the Pennsylvania State College, and in its place, as a result of the realization of a long cherished desire, comes the beginning of the history of Pennsylvania Gamma Omega Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

STEWART N. RHUE.

## FIFTH BIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE V

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When it was announced that the application of the Delphi Club for a charter was granted, it was suggested that the conclave of the province be held in connection with the installation ceremonies. Two objects were thus accomplished—first, the delegates of the various chapters were afforded the opportunity of being present at a chapter installation and of securing first-hand information as to the new chapter, its members, its alumni, the college and such other impressions as would enable them to judge correctly as to the expediency of entering State College, and, second, the new members would secure the benefits of having a large number of active men present at the installation, and of attending a conclave at which the vital topics of the fraternity would be discussed, thus becoming immediately *en currant* with the life of the fraternity.

This plan was adopted by Province Chief James S. Truman and worked out splendidly. Every chapter of the province was represented by at least one delegate, some of them sending five or six. The social events of the province conclave were those of the installation ceremonies. Thus, the banquet was most properly called the "installation and conclave banquet." The only distinctively province social affair was a luncheon tendered by Frank N. D. Buchman (Pennsylvania Alpha Iota), the secretary of the Pennsylvania State College Y. M. C. A., on Friday evening at his apartments, which was attended by all of the delegates and visitors, besides a large number of the members of the new chapter.

By reason of the time consumed by the initiation of the new chapter, and the social events attendant thereto, the conclave was able to hold only one business session, which was held on Saturday morning, February 7th, in the faculty assembly room of the Schwab Auditorium. Every chapter was represented and all presented most interesting and illuminating reports of the



condition of the several chapters. Indeed, the reports, with but one exception, revealed nothing requiring unfavorable comment and the one exception referred to related to a matter common to all the fraternities represented at the institution in question. Province Chief Truman, who presided, expressed his gratification upon the splendid condition of affairs disclosed by the reports.

Worthy Grand Chief Giffin commented freely upon several matters of vital interest and especially upon the manner of financing the building of chapter houses.

The sessions of the conclave, while very short, was very instructive, and will be productive of much good, particularly to the new chapter which was afforded the opportunity of learning at the very threshold of its experience the manner in which its neighboring chapters conduct their affairs. The time and place for the next conclave were not fixed by the meeting.

## The Editor's Views

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The new chapter at Pennsylvania State College will be a most valuable acquisition to the Fraternity. The college is one of the most prosperous, enterprising and progressive of the many first-class Pennsylvania institutions of learning. It is just now reaching the zenith of its greatest usefulness and within a brief period it will assume its rightful position as the real head of the educational system of the Commonwealth. Although the University of Pennsylvania receives financial assistance from the State treasury, the Commonwealth is in no sense pledged to the support of the university. But it is under binding obligation to maintain State College. For many years the State recognized the obligation, but devoted only very meager portions of its bounty to that purpose. Recently, however, the citizenship of the Commonwealth has awakened to the great and useful work zealously performed by State College and during the past five or six years the legislature has freely lavished millions of dollars upon the institution. With this advantage of large and almost unlimited funds upon which to draw, as well as the increased popularity now generally accorded to it, State College is, beyond all doubt, destined to become very speedily the real, as also the nominal, fountain of Pennsylvania's educational facilities.

It was, therefore, the part of wisdom to enter Pennsylvania State College at this time, and particularly through the opportunity afforded by the application of the Delphi Fraternity. The new chapter has started well. In a surprisingly short time its members seem to have become well versed in Alpha Tau lore, and many of them are thoroughly informed concerning our history, our traditions and our policies. Moreover, they were permitted to witness the secret work exemplified in an unprecedented manner. The Fraternity may rest assured that our new members

have fully grasped the ideals and principles of the Fraternity and that they will give a praiseworthy account of the stewardship committed to them.



The Editor chanced to spend several days in Pittsburgh recently and during an idle hour called at the office of W. D. McBryar, the president of the local alumni association. Although no one knew of his presence in the city, he found that eight Alpha Taus had preceded him thither and a pleasant little conclave was speedily organized. The following day he was permitted to attend the regular weekly luncheon of the association held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, at which about fifteen Alpha Taus were present.

The Pittsburgh association is, with only one or two exceptions, the most enterprising alumni body of the Fraternity and we wish that other associations would emulate its example. Its weekly lunches have attracted as many as thirty and forty members and its other occasional functions are usually well attended. The PALM now sends more of its numbers to Pittsburgh than to New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago combined.



Several embarrassing mistakes occurred in the December PALM in connection with the pictures of the chapter houses. The pictures of Washington State College and of the University of Washington became transposed and the asterisk, indicating that the house was owned by the Fraternity, was omitted from the Muhlenberg chapter house.



An alumnus writes thus: "I still maintain my interest in the Fraternity, but I find that about the only interest the Fraternity has in me is covered by the size of the cash contribution I will make when they get hard up."

Our correspondent has considerable company. The number of alumni who have been permitted to think that the Fraternity is interested in their purses only is far more numerous than many of us suppose. This is another condition created by the ambition of most chapters to occupy houses owned by the Fraternity requir-

ing the solicitation of financial assistance from the alumni. Such chapters very frequently communicate with their alumni only when funds are required and only in that respect seem to manifest any interest in their alumni. In short, many alumni have been lead to believe, by such impolitic actions, that the sole reason for their existence is found in their ability to come across with funds as and when needed.

The active chapters must be taught to pursue other tactics. Alpha Tau Omega is interested in each one of its alumni and does not measure its interest in proportion to the ability or willingness of the alumnus to contribute to any project. Its interest is founded upon something more substantial and more enduring than cash, and any active chapter that permits its alumni affections to become cold and chilly is illy performing its functions.

We have seen some evidence that cause us to believe that the attitude of some of our alumni, as instanced above, is entirely warranted and we sigh for the good old days when chapter houses were unknown. The truth is, that the chapter house has done more to injure and degrade the Greek-letter college fraternity system than any other element of its life. Not only has the chapter house been largely responsible for the evils that fraternity men do as individuals, but the ambition to possess one has often blunted the finer sensibilities of the Fraternity. The desire to possess a house has often turned a chapter into a mere milking machine, and the great opportunity of serving Alpha Tau Omega by promoting its principles and ideals has been lost in the search for an extravagant chapter house.



We have received a copy of *Gamma Beta's Monthly*, dated January 15, 1914, which is designated Vol. II, No. 1. Apparently the sheet has been published for a year or more, but this is the first number that has come our way. It is a four-page, six by nine, well-printed and well-edited publication and, as we understand it, is circulated gratuitously among the alumni of our very excellent chapter at Tufts. The number before us contains a well-written invitation to the alumni to use the chapter house facilities, editorials, news of the alumni and news items concerning the active chapter.



We cannot too highly commend the example of Massachusetts Gamma Beta to the Fraternity. Nothing pays better nowadays than wide publicity, and any chapter that desires the co-operation of its alumni must devise and follow some scheme whereby the alumni are constantly advised of the actions of their chapters. Nothing is calculated to do more harm than to notify an alumnus of the existence of a chapter only at such times as funds are needed for forwarding some project. If the alumni are always made to feel that they are still a part of the life of the chapter, funds, when needed, will come as a matter of course.



The High Council held its regular annual meeting at the Hotel Manhattan, New York, on January 2d, and was attended by all of the members thereof, except George Maguire. Worthy Grand Chief Giffin, Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer Erdman and Province Chief Macomber were also present. The meeting was presided over by the Chairman, Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook.

Reports of committees appointed by the High Council and of committees appointed by the Worthy Grand Chief were heard and considered.

The committee appointed to arrange for a proper celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity, to be held in connection with the Nashville Congress, presented a report which was adopted. The details will be published at a later date.

The High Council elected Hon. Robert L. Owen (Virginia Alpha), United States Senator from Oklahoma, as the Congress Orator, and Hon. Carmi Thompson (Ohio Beta Omega), former Treasurer of the United States, as his alternate. For Congress Poet, the High Council selected T. H. Dickinson (Wisconsin Gamma Tau) and as his alternate, Frank W. Scott (Illinois Gamma Zeta), associate editor of the *PALM*.

The report of Province Chief Alexander Macomber, who had been appointed a committee to devise a uniform accounting system, was received and the system by him devised was adopted and will be put into operation during the collegiate year 1914-15.

The Worthy Grand Chief presented a voluminous report covering forty pages of closely typewritten matter and presenting

the various topics with which he has dealt during the first year of his term with great detail. Among other things, he reported the completion of the handbook ordered to be prepared by the Louisville Congress, which was completed by Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals William C. Smiley. The High Council adopted the draft of the handbook presented to it and the same will be published and distributed to the chapter at an early date.

It was agreed to recommend to Congress the appointment of a committee to revise the secret work, to suggest to Congress the amendment of the Constitution in certain particulars, and to report a budget to the forthcoming Congress for its approval and adoption.

A number of other subjects were passed upon of such nature, however, as to make publication inadvisable.



Let us not be too hasty in the enactment of legislation prohibiting the initiation of high school Fraternity men into Alpha Tau Omega. It is true that the Inter-Fraternity Conference has recommended such legislation, but it remains to be seen how many of the fraternities will adopt the suggestion. We suspect that a large number of the representatives to that body voted for the recommendation with the knowledge that, if adopted by some of the fraternities, their own fraternities could better compete for high school fraternity men. In short, we suspect that many representatives are willing to vote for anything that tends to limit their neighbors when not binding upon themselves.

In any event, the hue and cry against the high school fraternity has not appreciably affected the college fraternities. Some gentlemen tell us that the present agitation against college fraternities arises out of confusion of high school with college fraternities in the legislative mind. We do not believe it. Legislators may not be blessed with an overabundance of learning, but only a modicum of intelligence is required to distinguish the two, and the present movement against the older system is founded upon its evils and its faults, and is in no sense attributable to the antics of the high school boys.

Nor are we not seriously affected by the possible results flowing from a divided allegiance. Some fraternities may mistrust their power to hold the affections of their initiates as against the earlier high school attachment. Alpha Tau Omega has nothing to fear in this respect. We offer to our membership a friendship based upon eternal and abiding principles; we offer definite aims and objects; we offer so much that is sweeter and finer than anything any high school fraternity can offer that we have naught to fear from their competition.

In 1904, while an associate editor of the *PALM*, we expressed this view and nothing that has since occurred has warranted a change of opinion. We have no particular pride of opinion and no fear of inconsistency; neither do we propose to follow blindly the recommendations of an entirely irresponsible body of very amiable gentlemen.



Some one in authority should promptly suppress the Delta Upsilon gentleman who said, "Combine with this (referring to the large number of non-fraternity men) all the progressive ideas which are floating around loose in the middle West and hitch up to the primary election and you have a mixture, which is liable to explode and wipe out Greek-letter societies before the fraternity men wake up and find out what the noise is about."

That's exactly the sort of noise that is making more enemies for the Greek cause than anything the most foolish undergraduate ever said or did. What's the use asking an undergraduate to study hard, to forsake his aristocratic notions, and to be a decent fellow among his college mates, so that fraternities may secure and hold the respect of all men, and then permit the graduate to perpetrate such utter nonsense? Give that to a legislator and it will inspire more drastic anti-fraternity legislative measures than all the wild antics of the most unruly college boys ever inspired.

The progressive ideas of the middle West have about as little to do with the fight against college fraternity as have the archaic and provincial ideals and principles of Wall Street and New York.

The primary election system is no more responsible for the fight against the system than is the income tax, the tariff, the currency, or the woman's suffrage agitation.

Let the good Delta Upsilon gentleman read recent Greek society literature and find out what is involved in the fight. For instance, we might commend for his studious attention the brief, though masterful, speech of Doctor Shepardson to the recent Chicago conference.

At any rate, let the Greek world understand that it cannot fight destiny and democratic ideals. Fraternities are not committed against the progressive ideas of the middle West or the primary election laws. Most of those ideas were formulated by Greek-letter fraternity men. Primary election laws have been instrumental in electing some mighty deserving Delta Upsilon men to office. Greek men and women as such are not opposed to either the progressive ideas or the primary election laws. If they were we might as well close shop.

Please, Delta Upsilon, get the hook!

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Just as we go to press we are informed of the appointment by President Wilson of Founder Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook as United States Consul to Jerusalem. The appointment has not been accepted by Dr. Glazebrook at this writing. We shall have further information for the next number of the *PALM*.



## The Greeks

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### HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

Dr. Boutwell Dunlap, the former national historian of  $\mathbf{K} \Sigma$ , has written a very interesting article for the December *Caduceus* of  $\mathbf{K} \Sigma$  wherein he completely refutes the claim of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  to the honor of erecting the first fraternity in the South. The investigation proved, as we suspected long ago, that the honor belonged to  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{T} \Omega$  and we are printing the entire article, minus the interesting illustrations.

At last the question as to which fraternity first owned a fraternity house in the South has, it is believed, been settled. The answer will interest not only  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , which has been a rival claimant with  $\mathbf{K} \Sigma$  as to this historical priority, but it is believed that never before has it been published that it was  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{T} \Omega$  which was the owner of that first house.

Walter B. Palmer, one of the famous Greek-letter fraternity historians, has always claimed that it was his fraternity,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , which first owned a house in that section. In the account of that fraternity given William Raimond Baird, as late as for his Manual published in 1912, it was stated that  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  built at the University of the South (Sewanee) the first house at any southern institution owned by any fraternity.

The writer, knowing that  $\mathbf{K} \Sigma$  owned a fraternity house at Sewanee before  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , while national historian of  $\mathbf{K} \Sigma$ , made the statement that it was  $\mathbf{K} \Sigma$  who owned a house in the South prior to any other fraternity. However, he was not at all satisfied with the evidence produced by either  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  or his own fraternity. He therefore took up a correspondence with old time  $\mathbf{K} \Sigma$ 's and with the Rev. Arthur Howard Noll, registrar of the University of the South.

Doctor Noll is a  $\Delta \mathbf{T} \Delta$ , and his son, Maxwell Hamilton Noll, is at present Grand Master of Lambda chapter of  $\mathbf{K} \Sigma$ . Doctor Noll is a distinguished historian, being editor of such volumes as "General Kirby-Smith," "Bishop Quintard's Memoirs of the War" and "Alexander Gregg, First Bishop of Texas," and author of "Short History of Mexico," "From Empire to Republic" and "History of the Church in the Diocese of Tennessee." Having such historical authority as he, it is fortunate that there may be quoted the following taken from Doctor Noll's correspondence upon the subject:

"The University of the South alienates none of the land on its domain of eight thousand acres, but grants leases. Building may or may not immediately follow upon the acquisition of a leasehold, or might even precede it in some cases. So that the date of a lease might not be conclusive evidence of the approximate date of the erection of a building. The original lease book of the university was destroyed by fire many years ago. The record of leases now in existence gives the following dates: *ATQ*, July 1, 1880; *ΦΔΘ*, September 1, 1884; *ΣΑΕ*, December 11, 1884; *ΔΤΔ*, January 1, 1885; *ΚΑ*, June 1, 1887; *ΚΣ*, July 13, 1887 (changed to their present location in 1905). *ΣΝ* went out of existence without securing a lease. *ΠΚΑ* came in later and went out of existence a few years ago.

"The claim of the *ΦΔΘ*'s that they were the first south of Mason and Dixon's line to *build* a house exclusively for fraternity purposes can probably be sustained; certainly if it be true that 'the first chapter houses *owned* by any of the fraternities in the South were *owned* at Sewanee in the early eighties.' But the distinction must be kept in mind between 'occupying,' 'owning' and 'building.' The *ΦΔΘ*'s built in the spring of 1884.

"Previously, however, probably from the time of their lease, the *ATQ*'s *owned a building*, situated upon their leasehold, the first library building of the university. The fact of their ownership is proven by their sale of the building to the university, when, in 1886 or 1887, they erected their stone chapter house upon its site. The old frame building still exists in another locality, and is used as lumber room, carpenter shop and justice's court.

"I would state that the *ATQ*'s *owned* their house at Sewanee, not by purchase, but by the free gift of the university, and that it was no doubt given them at the time of the lease. Although having the dignified title of library building, it was neither an imposing nor an expensive structure. It has always been regarded as one of the humors of fraternity history here that the university should have *given* a building to the *ATQ*'s and several years later bought it back for the munificent sum of one hundred dollars. There can be no question of their priority of ownership of a building at Sewanee.

"The *ΚΣ*'s succeeded the *ΣΑΕ*'s in the occupancy of the 'Klein Cottage,' a small house not more than twenty feet square, standing on the same block with the building of the *ΦΔΘ*'s in 1885 and 1886. This building had been erected to serve as a residence for a student named Klein, who finally graduated in theology in 1881. The *ΚΣ*'s stated in the college annual of 1885 that they had *purchased* the 'Klein Cottage' in 1883, which is probably correct. In 1887, upon granting of the first lease to the *ΚΣ*'s, this building was moved away to make room for a residence upon the lot it had occupied.

"The *ΚΣ*'s built a fraternity house on the leasehold acquired in 1887, but sold it in 1905, and removed to their present house, erected at that

time. The *ΑΤΑ*'s erected a house in 1885. In 1886 or 1887, the *ΑΤΩ*'s and the *ΣΑΕ*'s erected stone houses, which they still occupy, and to which additions have been made in recent years."

When it was pointed out to Doctor Noll that *ΑΤΩ* might have purchased their first house some time later than their lease indicated, and thus have been an owner of a house subsequent to ownership by *ΚΣ* or some other fraternity, he wrote:

"I have recently had an interview with a Sewanee man who has been here and connected with the university since 1877 and who assures me that the *ΑΤΩ*'s were the first to own a building at Sewanee, the lease of the lot and the gift of the building being one and the same transaction. It is no longer an open question."

The anniversary edition of the *Sewanee Cap and Gown* of 1885 throws some interesting light upon these chapter houses and corroborates Doctor Noll. This edition was published probably in September or October of that year, as the commencement activities of August, 1885, are recorded. Concerning *ΑΤΩ*, it says:

"Our chapter house, situated on a most desirable lot, will be replaced by a handsome Gothic structure of stone."

Concerning *ΣΑΕ*:

"Omega's first chapter house was what was then known as 'Klein's Cottage,' now occupied by the *ΚΣ* Fraternity. An attempt was made to purchase the building, but failing in this, the chapter turned its attention to the building of a hall of its own. With this end in view the contract to deliver the mail was accepted. 'Klein's Cottage' was occupied by the fraternity until the spring of 1883, when finding that her members could no longer be accommodated in so small a building, she moved to what was then known as the 'Dunbar Cottage.' The spring of 1885 again found her compelled to make a move and the chapter house was transferred to St. Luke's Hall. It is still the avowed purpose of this chapter to build a house of its own. A lot has already been secured, and she awaits only the opportunity and the means to put into effect what has so long been a fond hope."

Concerning *ΚΣ*:

"During the first year of the chapter its meetings were held principally in the room of one of its members, but when the term of '83 began negotiations were commenced for a chapter house. Finally the house known as the 'Klein Cottage' was purchased, and the first meeting was held in it on the 15th of May."

Concerning *ΦΔΘ*:

"With these initiates *ΦΔΘ* commenced the building of their fraternity hall just about one year after the charter was granted. Then we watched with interest the onward progress of our house which is situated on a corner lot northeast of the chapel. The lot has 100 feet front by 300 in depth. The site of the building was a 'howling wilderness,' so to speak,



but by the use of the grubbing hoe, aided by fraternal love and strength, we overcame a 'multitude of stumps,' instead of sins, and, as a reward, have one of the prettiest and most convenient places on the mountain."

Thus was the establishment of the first fraternity houses in the South. First, in the early seventies, just after the founding of the fraternity, *K Σ* rented the first house of any kind at the University of Virginia. If memory serves rightly, *Φ Δ Θ* has not fully accredited this as a fraternity house. As a matter of fact, it was more nearly like the present conception of a fraternity house than were those at Sewanee in the early eighties. It was a dwelling, in which not only all the meetings were held, and was used as general headquarters, but also two or three *K Σ*'s lived in it. The early houses at Sewanee were small buildings used only as chapter meeting places.

*A T Ω* in the early eighties was the first fraternity to own a chapter house in the South, it having been given to the chapter by the authorities at Sewanee.

About the same time that *A T Ω* occupied a house and previous to the occupancy of a house by either *K Σ* or *Φ Δ Θ* at the University of the South, *Σ Α Ε* rented a house at that institution. This was bought in 1883 by *K Σ*, and was the second house in the South owned by any fraternity and the first bought by any fraternity in the South.

In 1884 *Φ Δ Θ* erected and owned a fraternity house at Sewanee, the first that was erected in the South by any fraternity for fraternity purposes. A picture of this is found in Mr. Palmer's history of *Φ Δ Θ*.

R. T. Brownrigg (*Ω*), the St. Louis lawyer, recently writing of the first *K Σ* house at Sewanee, says:

"I went to Sewanee in 1882, and at that time *A T Ω* had a chapter house which I remember distinctly, both as to the fact of its existence and its appearance and location. While my memory is not now perfectly clear on the point, I believe that *Σ Α Ε* had a chapter house before *K Σ* did. I was asked to join *K Σ* in the fall of 1882, but did not expect to return to the university, so declined the offer. My plans were changed, and upon my return in March, 1883, I was initiated, not in the chapter house, but in a room in what was then known as Palmetto Hall. I do not remember whether *K Σ* acquired its house before or after my initiation. The first *K Σ* house at Sewanee was a small one-story building, consisting of one room, with a very small room in the rear. Title to the entire tract of land upon which the university is situated is held by the university, and it will not sell any land to any one, so of course the *K Σ* house, as well as others, was upon leased ground.

"None of the members slept at any of the chapter houses. They were simply used for meetings of the chapter and for occasional gatherings of the brothers. At the time I left Sewanee in December, 1885, there was no such thing as a chapter house as it is now understood. *K Σ* owned the small house above mentioned, but as stated, it was situated upon leased ground."



The first  $K \Sigma$  house at the University of the South stood in a dilapidated condition upon an isolated portion of the university grounds to which it had been removed, until about six months ago, when it was destroyed by fire. The accompanying half-tone shows its last site and what seems to be part of a side or roof of the building and some of its lumber. The records of the university have been ransacked for a picture of this historic building, but none seem to be in existence. Doctor Noll, who is well known as an artist as well as historian, has drawn from memory a sketch of it, which is here presented. Such was the beginning of  $K \Sigma$ 's ownership of houses now valued in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.



#### HERE ARE THE FACTS.

The December PALM gave a full report on the withdrawal of  $A \Delta \Phi$  from the College of the City of New York in which were found indications of extreme dissatisfaction among the members of the fraternity concerned and many words of harsh criticism of the action. We are all inclined to believe what we read at face value without making allowances for the fact that these were newspaper reports. Comes now an editorial by William Raimond Baird shedding light upon the matter. We feel that this honored gentleman is conversant with the situation since he lives upon the scene of discontent and has his finger on the pulse of the fraternity situation in general. We take pleasure in presenting to PALM readers his words as being all the facts.  $A \Delta \Phi$  is vindicated.

"It might be said of all this fuss, that it is nobody's business, outside of  $A \Delta \Phi$ , whether it continued its chapter at C. C. N. Y. or not. We mention it, because the facts are sure to be garbled and misrepresented.

"We think  $A \Delta \Phi$  did perfectly right, in withdrawing the charter. It was done only after a long and patient investigation, and after the chapter and all of its alumni who desired it were fully heard.

"The fact is, that the college is being filled with students, the sons or brothers of recent immigrants. These men are eager for knowledge, amply equipped with brains, and withal, manly and much to be commended. But they are filled with old world prejudices and ideals. They do not understand majority rule, they cannot take defeat easily. They are sulky and revengeful when beaten fairly in any contest. They have no experience in customary American social forms. In the course of time doubtless they will be assimilated, but now they are unsocial and unpleasant. The influx of these students, attracted by ease of access, free tuition and adequate instruction, has so changed the personnel of the students, that in the judgment of  $A \Delta \Phi$ , the place was no longer desirable

for one of its chapters. The alumni of the chapter have taken this action hard, and by the simultaneous publication of complaints in several newspapers sought to arouse a public sentiment condemning their fraternity for its action. It might almost be said that they have justified it. A college fraternity must, above all things, secure congenial men, and when an institution ceases to afford a supply of such men, it ceases to be a proper location for one of its chapters. The situation is one which chiefly concerns *Α Δ Φ*, but its right to act as it did cannot be questioned, and we believe its action was proper and just, and fully and completely warranted."



#### PROFESSOR KIND ON ANTI-FRATERNITY AGITATION.

Prof. John L. Kind, of the University of Wisconsin, national treasurer of *Δ Τ Δ*, has written a series of three articles for the *Rainbow* dealing with the regulation of fraternities through rules enacted to restrict their activities in rushing, pledging and initiating. The last paper is devoted entirely to discussion of the recent attempts made in Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin to abolish fraternities and other secret societies, through legislation.

In speaking of Ohio, he points out how harm was done through inimical editorials in Ohio newspapers and pointed paragraphs maliciously misrepresenting facts. And finally, he gives the defense of the fraternities by President Thompson, of Ohio State University, as given out in a signed statement which assisted in defeating the bill introduced in the State Legislature for the abolition of secret societies.

The history of the Ohio case points out what great harm can be done by hostile newspapers in circulating broadcast vicious and grossly exaggerated statements based either upon ignorance or falsehood, or both.

The agitation in Texas resulted from the dissatisfaction of a certain group of students there in regard to the distribution of university honors. With the assistance of non-fraternity alumni members a bill was introduced in the legislature calling for the abolition of fraternities in the state schools. The bill was promptly voted down.

The anti-fraternity movement in Wisconsin began with the publication of a new daily paper, described as a "Daily Newspaper Controlled and Published by the Students of the University of

Wisconsin." The founding of this newspaper was followed by the organization of "The Wisconsin Commoners," of whom it was announced, "that in addition to the general idea of promoting democracy, the purposes of the society are according to the preamble and constitution to work for the best interests of self-supporting students, to maintain better social conditions and to provide for that equality or opportunity so essential to democracy, and by which alone, merit and ability may receive the proper and just recognition."

Relative to this matter, Professor Kind says:

This last clause really tells the tale because the constitution also provides that the doors of the organization be closed to the members of the Greek-letter societies, or any one connected with an "exclusive and undemocratic organization."

Here we have the paradox: a new organization to promote democracy and the best interests of the students of the university; and at the very outset their constitution closes the doors against a certain class of students! What difference is there between the self-selection of members here and the objectionable practice of fraternities in choosing their own members? These "Wisconsin Commoners" are as undemocratic and exclusive when in their organization as the fraternities. In fact, more so, for the fraternities do not close their doors against any particular class of students. They simply do not take in certain individuals. If these "Commoners" really wanted to promote the best interests of the students and universities, they should have welcomed into membership all students and the fraternity men and women would not have turned a deaf ear to the call. But, no, democracy in its verity was not the real cause of the movement—that was a mere blind, a mere subterfuge. The real purpose of the organization was the desire of a handful of malcontents to fight fraternities. The leaders of the movement had obtained their share of honors and distinction, but evidently they wanted more and desired not only to oust the fraternities from students honors, but also from the very university.

There is doubtless room for argument as to the relative merits and demerits of the fraternity system, but so far no one has offered us anything better to take its place. It seems about time that the State Legislature should realize that the fraternities are not the cause, but the effect of our social system; that the fraternities have developed to fill in that large gap between the students' needs and the failure of the university to provide for its boys and girls; that each fraternity house has been erected without cost to the university or state, and that they are doing a great deal to solve the rooming and boarding problems that face the university—especially in the crowded conditions of Madison. The fraternities at



Wisconsin have no special privileges—yet they speak of the fraternities as a privileged class. Nevertheless, no one has been able to demonstrate a single point of special privilege that has been given to the fraternities by the state or the university.

The State is doing nothing along these lines for the comfort of the students, nothing to assist the non-fraternity student in securing advantages similar to those which the fraternities have secured for themselves by dint of arduous labor and zealous sacrifice. There has been a special faculty committee on student interests for the last three years, but it has done no constructive work of vital importance for the non-fraternity students; it has confined its efforts chiefly to the regulation of fraternities. The fraternity students are well provided for, thanks to their own initiative and hard work and the generosity of their alumni. They ask no favors of the State except the humble privilege of being allowed to lead decent mutually helpful lives. Why does the State not care for the humblest student outside the fraternity? By the thousands we entice students to seek an education here—and then leave them at the mercy of hundreds of rooming and boarding housekeepers who chuck them away in dark, often unsanitary, rooms, serve them poor grub and demand exorbitant prices. What we need is more fraternity houses—and, perhaps, dormitories and a commons. Until the State does its duty, let it not play the part of the Iconoclast.

The bill introduced by Assemblyman Anderson, calling for the abolition of the fraternities and secret societies in the universities met with defeat, thanks to the assistance given to the fraternities by President Van Hise—himself a non-fraternity man—in their fight against it.

At present, there is no pending legislation against fraternities in any of the states, and each fraternity would do well to fortify itself against the resumption of hostility. We all know that the fight is not over, and is not won. If the fraternities take heed of the many warnings which they have received and continue to improve their scholarship, it may safely be said that these faculties may be counted upon to support them against future measures tending toward their extermination.



#### Σ A E's HISTORY.

We believe Alpha Taus will be interested in a brief history of Σ A E, which was reviewed by Walter B. Palmer in the September *Scroll* of Φ Δ Θ and which we take pleasure in copying for the PALM readers.



$\Sigma A E$  has a romantic history, and it has been splendidly told, in a work of three volumes, by William C. Levere, who has been Past Eminent Supreme Archon, has filled nearly every other general office in the fraternity, and is now its Traveling Secretary. The three volumes contain a total of 1,498 pages, set in large type, with leaded lines, and with many additional pages of illustrations printed on inserts. Typographically the work is very handsome.

$\Sigma A E$  was founded at the University of Alabama on March 8, 1856. The name of the fraternity and the design of its badge were then adopted. At the second meeting, a week later, the constitution (which included the ritual) was adopted, and Minerva was made the patron goddess of the fraternity. At that time there were three fraternities already organized at the University of Alabama— $\Delta K E$ , established there in 1847;  $A \Delta \Phi$ , 1850, and  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 1855.

There were seven founders of  $\Sigma A E$ , but the leader among them was Noble Leslie De Votie, a youth who had much force of character, strength of intellect and charm of manner. His scholarship placed him at the head of his class, and he was valedictorian on graduation in 1856; then he spent three years at Princeton, graduating there in 1859, and then he became pastor of the First Baptist Church at Selma, Alabama. When Alabama seceded from the Union, he went with a Selma company, as its chaplain, to Fort Morgan. The brief career of this gifted spirit ended suddenly on February 12, 1861, when he fell from a dock, to which he had gone to take a steamer for Mobile. His body drifted out to sea and was washed up three days later. His high ideals and pure life, closing so tragically, have always been an inspiration for  $\Sigma A E$ . A record of his life, a loving appreciation and a fine piece of biographical work, was written also by Mr. Levere and was published before the history of the fraternity was issued.

Excepting  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,  $\Sigma A E$  was the last college fraternity to be founded before the Civil War. The war profoundly affected all fraternities, but to none was it more disastrous than to  $\Sigma A E$ . In 1861  $\Sigma A E$  had entered fifteen colleges, all in the South, except Columbian University, now George Washington University, Washington, D. C. As the tide of battle swept over the South, the colleges closed, and practically all of the students enlisted in the Confederate army. During the four years' struggle every chapter of  $\Sigma A E$  went down except the one at Washington.

As it was a fraternity composed entirely of young men, and as all southern youth were enthused with the ardor of war, it is natural that  $\Sigma A E$ 's contributions to the Confederate army should have been proportionately very large. The author estimates the membership at 500 to the year 1865, and states that 376 members were engaged in the war, or 75.2 per cent. He compares this record with that of  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  and  $\Delta K E$ , which were older fraternities, and in which the proportion of enlistments was naturally not so large. On the basis of membership to 1865,  $\Phi \Delta \theta$ 's

percentage of enlistments was 65.5, and  $\Delta K E$ 's 44.8. The whole chapter of  $\Sigma A E$  at Georgia Military Institute enlisted, and every member of its chapter at Oglethorpe University, Kentucky Military Institute, Hampden-Sidney College, and perhaps other chapters went to war. Of the 376 in the war, all but seven were in the Confederate army, and these seven were members of the chapters at Columbian University (D. C.) and Bethel College (Kentucky).

After the war,  $\Sigma A E$  recuperated slowly, as did most fraternities which had suffered severe losses. Some old chapters were reorganized and some new ones were established, but for years the fraternity was not prosperous, and several chapters surrendered their charters. The discouraged chapter at Auburn surrendered its charter in 1880, and all but two of its active members were initiated by  $\Phi \Delta \theta$ . About this time several fraternities tried to absorb the whole  $\Sigma A E$  Fraternity. The author publishes letters containing such propositions, written by W. L. McClurg, Secretary of the Extension Committee of  $\Delta T \Delta$ ; by Sylvanus Stokes, representing  $A T Q$ , and by W. R. Baird, representing  $B \theta \Pi$ .

These propositions, though favored by some members of  $\Sigma A E$ , were rejected, and the fraternity, after it had passed this crisis, began to improve. For many years the question of northern extension was earnestly, and at times acrimoniously, discussed. In the early 80's there was a grand invasion of northern colleges by southern fraternities. The first to cross Mason and Dixon's line was  $K \Sigma$ , which entered Lake Forest University (Illinois) in 1880.  $A T Q$  was next, in 1881, when it entered the University of Pennsylvania. Then, in 1883,  $\Sigma A E$  entered Pennsylvania College. In 1884  $\Sigma N$  entered the University of Kansas, and in 1885 Lehigh University. By the end of the decade these four fraternities had established many northern chapters. Of the other southern fraternities,  $\Sigma \theta E$  crossed the line in 1902 and  $\Pi K A$  in 1910;  $K A$  still clings to the South, though it has a chapter in Delaware College, the University of California and Leland Stanford;  $\Pi K \theta$  is still confined to the South.

From the time that  $\Sigma A E$  decided to become a national, instead of a sectional, fraternity it made rapid progress and it has extended to all quarters of the United States. The fraternity now has seventy-three active chapters and is in a very prosperous condition. It has a very efficient system of government and a strong organization. The advancement that it has made during the last thirty years is marvelous.



#### NEW FRATERNITY PUBLICATIONS.

Scabbard and Blade, the national military society, is now issuing a magazine, the first number coming from the press last October. George Banta, of Menasha, Wisconsin, is the publisher, and the magazine is gotten up in his characteristic excellent form.

The second number contains a directory of the society. The company roll indicates seven companies. The following complimentary notice appeared in the editorial columns about Brother Walter B. Schulte, Wisconsin, '09:

Scabbard and Blade is today a national society instead of a scattered gathering of officers' clubs, because a few loyal and earnest men have given, and are giving, much of their time and energy to furthering its advance. Washington Yale, our first alumnus colonel, is one of these men. His successor, Colonel Schulte, is another. Just as in his undergraduate days, Mr. Schulte gave much valuable time to the cadet regiment which he commanded; so, last year, he sacrificed time which could have been used profitably in his own work, to his duties as Colonel of Scabbard and Blade. Scabbard and Blade was the better for it. The last convention realized the value of such a Colonel, and nominated him for re-election, but Colonel Schulte felt that he could no longer sacrifice his time, and was forced to decline. He is still at work, however, in the interests of Scabbard and Blade. We feel that his loyalty will never fail us, and the best we can wish as a 1913 Christmas present is more alumni like Walter B. Schulte.

Another newcomer in the field of fraternity magazines is *The Purple, Green and Gold* of  $\Lambda X A$ , which makes its debut with the issue of January, 1914. George Banta is the publisher. The first issue is a very creditable one and we will await with interest the arrival of succeeding issues. The fraternity also publishes a secret organ called *The Cross and Crescent*. This fraternity is one of the new national general fraternities and was founded at Boston University in 1909. At the present time twelve chapters—called Zetas—have been chartered. The January issue describes the installation of the new chapter at Cornell University. The new chapter existed as the local Iswza Society for nine years and now owns its own chapter house.  $\Lambda X A$  is starting out under auspicious circumstances with its twelve Zetas well placed in the best of the eastern colleges and is thus aiding the general fraternity situation by supplying the necessity for more fraternities, more chapters.

"The History of  $A X \Omega$ ," by Mabel Harriet Siller, has been published. It is a large octavo volume bound in cloth of olive green, one of the sorority colors, the side stamp—the coat-of-arms—and the back stamp being in gold. It goes into details regard-



ing the traditions and ceremonies of the "fraternity," the executive organization, fraternity examinations, endowment fund, the *Lyre* and other publications; has sketches of the chapters, a map of the United States showing the location of its twenty-five chapters; has photographs of the founders, chapter houses and convention groups, facsimiles of the badge, coat-of-arms, etc., and closes with a catalog and index of members.

"The Third Edition of The Olympian"—a history of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ —has been off the press for some time and lack of opportunity has prevented our mentioning the fact before, but what more appropriate time could be found than this, while we are crossing the continent aboard the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul's elegant train of the same name! This book by Walter B. Palmer must be classed with the monumental history of  $\Sigma A E$ , written by William C. Levere.

"The Olympian" is a book of 316 pages, replete with illustrations which show the development of the fraternity in material things, as evidenced by the forty-eight full-page half-tones of chapter houses and also the portraits of founders, famous Phis, historical places, interesting records and fraternity insignia.

No more suitable wording for our appreciation could be found than that of Orville L. Simons, a member of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , who reviewed the volume for the *Scroll*, and we take the liberty of quoting a few of his paragraphs:

Those who have read  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  literature have learned to appreciate the orderly and systematic grouping of data which is shaped by Walter B. Palmer. In the new manual this feature is especially pronounced. Under headings dealing with the objects of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , the founders, the birth, the parent chapter, the development and other features of the fraternity's history, the story of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  is told in short chapters. The divisions of the book number thirty-four. The student may find readily the information he is seeking by turning to the appropriate heading. The author's plain and concise way of dealing with his subject is shown in the division devoted to "The Objects of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ " where the whole story is told in two paragraphs which read:

§ " $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  was organized with three principal objects: First, the cultivation of friendship among its members; second, the acquirement individually of a high degree of mental culture; third, the attainment personally of a high standard of morality. These objects are declared in 'The Bond of the  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,' which every member admitted to the fraternity



pledges himself to uphold. The same pledge has been taken by every member since the organization of the fraternity in 1848; and, so long as  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  shall exist, the bond will remain inviolate and unalterable, without the unanimous consent of all who have accepted it.

"Primarily the fraternity is a social organization. It is the duty of all members to render mutual assistance to one another in all honorable undertakings. The intimate intercourse between members results in much social enjoyment during college life and in many friendships which continue during after years. Secrecy concerning the organization is perpetually and wisely enjoined in the bond, not because secrecy is a vital factor, but because it is important where the relations between members are so close and confidential. The fraternity seeks to throw around its members the influences of a home. A proper degree of privacy concerning itself is essential to the welfare of the order. The privacy of the home circle renders possible the development of character, which could not be attained without it, and for the same end  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  carries the element of privacy into the associations of the young men who have come from their homes and united with this college brotherhood."

A reading of the chapter of "The Olympian" devoted to "Laws Governing the Fraternity," gives the Phi a new vision of his fraternity and he understands why the society has lived and prospered and will endure. The bond comes down to this day unchanged and unchangeable. The laws enacted in the beginning have changed little by subtraction, but have been added to as growth demanded. The foundations are the same.

A liberal section of the manual is given over to topics which do not bear directly on  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  activities. The chapter dealing with "Intercollegiate Fraternities" is one of the longest in the book and it covers the whole fraternity field satisfactorily. The book also sets out a number of tables of collegiate statistics full of information concerning the leading colleges and available for the use of all college men. A member of  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  finishes the reading of "The Olympian" with feelings of pride and of gratitude. He has seen a vivid picture of his fraternity and he must be filled with gratitude for the artist who gave him the picture.

$\Phi K \Psi$ 's new song book is in press and will soon be issued. The book will contain 175 pages.

Still calling itself a quarterly, the  $\Sigma X$  *Quarterly* announces that hereafter it will be issued six times a year—in the months of January, February, April, May, September and November—instead of four times as heretofore. For years it has been the only fraternity journal with uncut edges, but now it appears in a new dress with cut edges, and asks what is thought of the change. The inquiry was probably addressed to Sigs only, but perhaps we may be pardoned for giving our opinion that the change is a very great improvement.

$\Sigma X$ , which issued its last manual and directory in 1910, announces that another edition will be published next fall. It will have 600 pages, and contain a historical sketch, statistical tables, the constitution and statistics of the fraternity, and a catalog of the membership, including alphabetical and geographical indexes.

T B  $\Pi$  issues a loose-leaf catalog. Supplements ready for insertion are to be issued semiannually. This is an excellent idea for an ever-changing list of alumni.

The *Arrow* of  $\Pi B \Phi$  is now printed on smooth paper and arrives with the pages cut. This should silence the busy exchange editors who have complained that they have had to dissect the magazine before they could digest it.

The *Aglaia* of  $\Phi M$  is now published by George Banta, as most of the sorority magazines are, and is improving in contents and size with every issue. The last one contained 133 pages. The magazine appears in a dark brown cover with pages of buff, very similar to the *Crescent* of  $\Gamma \Phi B$ .



### A GOOD CHAPTER.

What is a good chapter? The annual report of the general secretary of B  $\Theta$   $\Pi$  says:

A good chapter:

1. Recognizes that it is not a local organization, but a branch of a national fraternity having definite aims and purposes.
2. Recognizes that those aims and purposes have precedence over any purely local customs or desires.
3. Strives through its individual members to exalt those aims and to fulfill those purposes.
4. Tries through its local administration to respond promptly and efficiently to the demands made upon it by the officials of the fraternity.
5. Bars intoxicating liquor and gambling from its chapter house and does not tolerate, on the part of its individual members, open violation of the laws of the fraternity or plain transgressions of the spirit of B  $\Theta$   $\Pi$ .
6. Seeks to elevate standards of scholarship, aims to develop strong ties of human friendship among its members, manifests loyalty to the institution in which it is located, and gives hearty support to the faculty in measures which look toward the improvement of individual character.
7. Joins in every movement for better relationships among fraternity

men in its institution, championing the local inter-fraternity conference as a desirable help toward comity and wider college friendship.

8. Keeps its chapter house and grounds in good condition, inside and out, regulates life in the house by such sensible laws as to make it as nearly as possible a real college home, and trains its members to respect the rights of one another as well as the obligations toward neighbors in a college community.

9. Pays its debts promptly and trains its members to regular and systematic habits in personal financial matters.

10. Cherishes the sentiment of the fraternity through its songs and through faithful adherence to ritual on occasion of initiation.

11. Remembers that it is an institution, designed to exist for many years and whose future success will be largely due to the reputation and character it sustains at any one time.

12. Teaches its individual members to understand that each has distinct responsibility and that each must maintain his character as one of its worthy members.



#### SCHOLARSHIP HONORS FOR FRATERNITIES.

Only four of the active chapters of K A Θ in schools where Φ B K has a charter reported "no elections" for the year 1913. In the remaining chapters there were thirty elections to Φ B K and two elections to Σ Ε. At the Universities of Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska and Vanderbilt the sorority ranked first in scholarship among those located there; in four others she ranked a close second. The records for thirteen chapters shows that since their installation, 234 members have been elected to Φ B K and thirteen to Σ Ε. The record is held by the University of Vermont chapter with fifty-four elections to Φ B K.

For the first time in the history of Vanderbilt University, at least since comparative records have been kept, more non-fraternity men than fraternity men were called up for deficiencies at Vanderbilt University during October, 1912. It has been alleged very often in recent years that fraternities were fatal to scholarship, yet here we find the fraternity men at last triumphant. Only forty-six per cent. of the members of clubs were reported deficient in one or more subjects, while fifty-four per cent. of the non-members were so reported. Vanderbilt University seems to have solved the problem of how to make members of fraternities study—a question that has vexed all our American universities for two generations. A similar condition was reported in November and in December; the percentage was practically even.—*Vanderbilt Quarterly*.



At Tulane a Pan-Hellenic cup is awarded to the fraternity that averages highest in scholarship; at Purdue a trophy given by a professor, and at Vanderbilt a loving cup given by the faculty.—*Scroll of Φ Δ Θ*.

Phi chapter of *X Ω* at Newcomb has offered a loving cup to the sorority attaining the highest grade of scholarship for the year. This is the first time anything like this has been done in the fraternity world of Newcomb and the *X Ω*'s deserve quite a great deal of credit for fostering such a spirit.—*Exchange*.

An innovation in college fraternity policies was instituted last night, when *Θ Δ X*, in its national convention, established a fund, the annual interest of which is to be paid to the chapter of that fraternity which maintains the highest average scholarship each year. Frank E. Compton, of Chicago, president of the fraternity, donated \$1,000 to this fund. If a chapter loses any member as a result of poor scholarship, that chapter is disqualified from participation in the fund for that year.

Fraternity men say that the creation of this fund by *Θ Δ X* marks an epoch in Greek-letter history. It is strong evidence of the growing feeling among fraternity men that if Greek-letter societies are to perform their proper function in undergraduate life, active encouragement must be given scholastic achievement.—*Exchange*.

The comparative standing in scholarship of the various fraternities at the University of Chicago during the winter quarter has recently been announced and has aroused much interest among the chapters and members of the faculties. The first ten in rank are as follows: 1, *AT Ω*; 2, *Δ Υ*; 3, *Α Δ Φ*; 4, *B Θ Π*; 5, *Σ Α Ε*; 6, *Φ Κ Σ*; 7, *Φ Δ Θ*; 8, *Φ Γ Δ*; 9, *X Ψ*; 10, *Σ X*. The report also shows that the general scholarship of the fraternities is much higher in the winter quarter than in the autumn. All pledged men were included in the membership of the fraternities, but law men (whose grades are not available) and graduate students were not considered in the report.—*University of Chicago News Letter*.

Members of fraternities at Northwestern University outrank the non-fraternity men in scholarship by a large percentage. As compared to last year the members of sororities have shown in the year just ending a large increase in scholarship over the non-sorority girls. The figures are included in a report just issued from the registrar's office of the university giving a comparison of scholarship averages.—*Chicago Tribune*.

C. H. Gordon, head of the department of geology at the University of Tennessee, has offered a silver trophy to be awarded to the fraternity chapter in that institution having the highest average standing in scholarship at the midyear examinations in February, 1914. The fraternities at Tennessee are: *Φ Γ Δ*, *Κ Σ*, *Σ Α Ε*, *Π Κ Α*, *Α Τ Ω* and *Κ Α* (So.).—*Rainbow of Δ Τ Α*.



General opinion with regard to the scholastic standing of fraternity men and women in college was set at naught in the annual statement made recently by George O. Foster, registrar of the University of Kansas.

The statement shows that only one of the twenty-five men who failed completely in their work last year was a fraternity man. The per cent. of work passed by the 224 fraternity men out of the total amount carried was 89.45, as compared with the 88.23 per cent. passed by the 1,001 non-fraternity men.

Sorority girls were shown to be making even a better showing than the fraternity men, averaging 96.85 per cent. of their work passed, as compared with the 95.03 per cent. of the other women students. Only 22 per cent. of the fraternity women proved deficient in any of their studies and none failed completely. Of the non-sorority girls, 22 per cent. did unsatisfactory work and 7 per cent. received poor grades in all their work.

A feature of the report was the superiority of the women over the men. Forty-five per cent. of the men students registered black marks in part of their courses, in contrast to 23 per cent. of the women.

The Pan-Hellenic Association, which includes all Greek-letter fraternities in Adelbert College of Western Reserve University, has organized a scholarship contest, and has provided a bronze trophy which will be awarded at the close of each semester to the fraternity having the highest scholarship record during the preceding semester.



#### CONTINUOUS FRATERNITY SERVICE.

The last issue of *The Greek Exchange* contained the interesting table printed below, which is the painstaking efforts of Frederic Carter (Θ Δ Χ), Custodian of Archives. Since the founding of fraternities in 1824 and sororities in 1852, thousands of men and women have freely given of their time and talents in order that the systems might progress and become more potent factors in the lives of college students. Would their names be found in these tables if these earnest men and women had not considered that their efforts were well directed? This seems a most plausible argument to use in defense of the fraternity system.

## TABLE OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN A SINGLE OFFICE.

$\Psi \Gamma$ —Herbert L. Bridgeman, 36 years on Executive Council; President, 30 years.

$X \Psi$ —Elbridge T. Gerry, President, 30 years.

$A T \Omega$ —Otis A. Glazebrook, 35 years on High Council; Chairman High Council, 29 years.

$\Pi K A$ —Robert A. Smythe, Grand Treasurer, 24 years.

$\Sigma \Phi$ —Dr. Alexander Duane, Secretary of Convention (Administrative duties), 23 years.

$K \Sigma$ —Herbert M. Martin, Grand Scribe, 23 years.

$K \Sigma$ —Stanley W. Martin, Grand Treasurer, 21 years.

$\Sigma N$ —Clarence E. Woods, Recorder, 19 years.

$\Delta T \Delta$ —Henry T. Bruck, Secretary, 18 years.

$\Theta \Delta X$ —Frederic Carter, Custodian of Archives (appointed December 23, 1896), 16 years.

$K A$  (Southern)—Frank P. McConnell, Grand Purser, 12 years.

$X \Psi$ —Albert S. Bard, Member Executive Council, now Chairman Executive Council, 11 years.

## NON-ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ —Walter B. Palmer, Editor History of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 21 years. Served also as President and Editor of the *Scroll*.

$B \Theta \Pi$ —William Raimond Baird, Editor of *Beta Theta Pi*, 20 years.

$B \Theta \Pi$ —James T. Brown, Business Manager of the *Beta Theta Pi*, 20 years.

$X \Psi$ —Ira W. Henderson, Editor *Purple and Gold*, 15 years.

$\Delta T \Delta$ —Frank F. Rogers, Editor *Delta Tau Delta*, 13 years.

$\Phi K \Sigma$ —Boyd Lee Sphar, Editor *News Letter*, 11 years.



## THE REGULATION OF FRATERNITIES.

AN OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF KANSAS.

August 28, 1913.

HON. EDWARD HACKEY,

*Chairman Board of Administration, State House.*

Touching the power of the Board of Administration of Educational Institutions over college fraternities, I beg to say that the law makes a clear distinction between the power of administrative school boards over private educational institutions and those supported on public expense. All the authorities concede that the governing boards of private colleges, like Washburn College, in Topeka, or the Wesleyan University, in Salina, may not only regulate, but might suppress, college fraternities in connection with the schools governed by such boards. No such powers, however, are conferred by law upon the governing boards of public colleges, such as those under your supervision. While it might be difficult

in advance for an interpreter of statutes to mark all the boundaries and extent of your board's power to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the private conduct of students in State educational institutions, in so far as such rules and regulations may be necessary to see that the public funds thus expended are not wasted upon pupils whose conduct in or out of school hours is such that the best individual results in the case of each student are not attendant.

If your board should find that a student was wasting his time in the work of a college fraternity, I think the board and faculty, or his individual teachers, would have lawful right to order him to rearrange his conduct. But this would be no more true in relation to his connection with a college fraternity than it would be if he wasted his time in athletics, or hunting, or fishing, or any other way not harmful in itself except in so far as it might detract from the accomplishment of the main purpose for which he is enrolled in school; *i. e.*, the acquiring of a well-balanced college education. This question comes up most frequently in the case of a delinquent student who is inclined to adopt bad habits or to take up with low associates, or to frequent places of ill repute. The court will always uphold school authorities in the making of all reasonable rules and regulations for the proper management of the schools and to secure good conduct and regularity of habits on the part of the students enrolled therein. All that the courts ask is that such rules and regulations be reasonable.

I would advise, however, that your board's authority does not go to the extent of suppressing the college fraternities. There are even some limitations of the power of the legislature itself to do that, but with that question we are not at present concerned. The Supreme Court of Indiana has had this same question under consideration in *State vs. White*, 82 Ind 288. It is said:

"A public university, endowed by Congress, supported mainly by State appropriations, and to which all inhabitants of the State of suitable age and character are entitled to admission, cannot require one to disconnect himself from the legitimate secret order as a prerequisite to his eligibility as a student."

Doubtless your board has the power to ascertain and satisfy itself that the students whose education is entrusted to your charge are neither wasting their time nor endangering their health or morals in their association with these college fraternities, and you may enforce your reasonable rules and regulations concerning their attendance upon these college fraternities just as all other disciplinary measures are enforced at State educational institutions.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN S. DAWSON,

*Attorney General of the State of Kansas*



## UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The *K Δ P*, at Middlesbury, Colorado, is a new national fraternity.—*Star and Lamp*.

*K Σ* has decided to appoint but one official jeweler for the fraternity.

A fraternity that was not included in the last edition of Baird's "Manual of American College Fraternities" is *Σ I*. It was founded ten years ago at the University of Louisiana. It is said to be represented at universities in Spain, Germany, Switzerland and England. In this country there are chapters at Louisiana, Georgia, Rensselaer, Cornell and Syracuse.

The purpose of the fraternity in America is to promote the study of Spanish and to establish a bond between the Americans and the students from Latin-American countries. In Europe the fraternity aims to let the Europeans know something of the universities in the United States and other American countries.

The Central Conference of Rabbis of the Hebrew Church at its annual meeting at Atlantic City held the second week in July, adopted resolutions condemning college secret fraternities. Corresponding Secretary Dr. Joseph S. Kornfeld, whose home is in Columbus, Ohio, has announced that the conference will begin immediately a national campaign for the elimination of the fraternities.

Seven hundred and sixty-five men and women belonging to the various fraternities at the University of California recently voted on the question of serving liquors at their social functions. One hundred and thirty-eight voted for the liquors and 627 voted against it. Pretty dry fraternities. But it shows the wisdom of the Greek-letter societies there.—*Quarterly of Φ B Π (Medical)*.

A number of fraternity journals are now over a quarter of a century old. The *Beta Theta Pi* was first issued in 1872; *Scroll of Φ Δ Θ*, 1875; *Shield of Φ K Ψ*, 1875; *Rainbow of Δ T Δ*, 1877; *Journal of Southern K A*, 1879; *Φ Γ Δ*, 1879; *Record of Σ A E*, 1880; *Α T Ω Palm*, 1880; *Σ X Quarterly*, 1881; *Δ Υ Quarterly*, 1882; *Δ K E Quarterly*, 1883; *Delta of Σ N*, 1883; *Purple and Gold of X Ψ*, 1883; *Shield of Θ Δ X*, 1884; *Caduceus of K Σ*, 1885.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

A proposition is being promoted among fraternity alumni and the active chapters on the Pacific Coast to erect an inter-fraternity building



on the grounds of the 1915 World's Panama-Pacific Exposition. The building will be located within the exposition grounds on a site that has been donated by the exposition authorities with the provision that the architecture conforms with the general plans of the other buildings. This building is to be erected from funds donated by the active and alumni chapters of the Pacific Coast. It has been estimated that should each active chapter donate \$50, and each alumnus be asked to donate \$1, that an adequate amount would be raised to erect a suitable building. The purposes of such a building would be as follows: General headquarters for all fraternity people that will attend the fair. Each fraternity will have its registers. Provisions will be made so that the fraternities may hold their conventions in the building. It will be arranged so that general entertainment can be held by the different fraternities. This would save the fraternities much expense that they would otherwise have to stand without such headquarters.—*Rainbow of Δ T Δ*.

In building the platform for your college career, look over the following suggestions for material for planks and you may find some good timber:

1. In almost every case your college expenses are being paid by your parents. You owe it to them to try to please them first of all.
2. Make up your mind right now that you will complete your course for a degree; half an education is but little more useful than half a coat.
3. The members of the faculty want to be your friends if you will let them; try it, for it will pay you.
4. Don't make the mistake of thinking you know more than the upper classmen; maybe when you have been at college as long as they have you will know as much as they now know.
5. Because you have become a member of a Greek-letter fraternity has not *ipso facto* made you a superior creature. Bear this in mind in your intercourse with non-fraternity men.—*The Shield of Θ Δ X*.

The city board of tax assessors has finally refused to make any material alterations in the valuations of various properties belonging to Cornell University fraternities in spite of violent protests against discriminating increases in their valuations which have been made this year.

A table showing the valuation of various fraternity properties this year and three years ago and corresponding valuations of private property in the same districts has been compiled. On practically all fraternity houses on the Hill the valuations have been considerably raised and in certain cases they have been doubled, while those on private properties remain the same.

One of the hardest fights is over the figure placed on a certain property situated northwest of the university grounds and away from town. The house had been a private residence until this year, when it was sold to a fraternity. This spring the valuation of the property was doubled, though no improvements had been made upon it and property in the same neighborhood was not raised.

The attitude of the assessors on the fraternity assessment question was well reflected on "grievance day," when, in answer to a fraternity representative who compared its property with that of surrounding citizens, a member of the board said:

"Don't compare fraternity property with private property; compare this assessment with other fraternity assessments."

It seems to be a case of open discrimination and in all probability the students will take their case to the Supreme Court.—*Special to the New York Times from Ithaca, N. Y.*

We have several times called attention to the importance of chapters carrying insurance on their houses and furnishings to as large an amount as the insurance companies will accept. This should be urged on each chapter owning a house by the chapter house commissioner, the province president and the alumni of the chapter. The number of fires that burn chapter houses is alarming. Last winter, a year ago, the *B Θ Π* house at Missouri was burned, last winter the *B Θ Π* house at Knox and the *K Α* house at Missouri were burned, and last spring the *B Θ Π* house at Oregon was partly burned and the *Α Φ* sorority house at Missouri was burned. (There seems to have been a firebug in Missouri, also one in *B Θ Π*.) The number of fraternity houses burned is so much larger than the number of sorority houses burned as to suggest that the boys are very careless with their matches and cigar and cigarette stumps. Mark Banta, who is an experienced insurance man, states that insurance companies recognize that chapter houses are very poor risks, and some of them threaten to discontinue issuing policies on them. If they should do this it would be a real calamity for fraternities, and therefore we strongly urge members living in chapter houses to be very careful, especially about matches and lighted cigar ends. Safety matches only should be permitted in the houses. Especial watchfulness should be exercised when an entertainment is given in the house. Strict rules should be adopted regarding the disposal of inflammable waste, and every house should be provided with buckets filled with water, extinguishers or other means of quickly putting out fire. Not only valuable property but human life depends on the exercise of care. In several chapter house fires a number of the inmates have been burned to death.—*Scroll of Φ Α Θ*.

H. L. BLANKENBURG.

## The Alumni

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### VITAL STATISTICS.

#### BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Winecoff (Georgia) a son, Joseph Lustrat, October 3, 1913.

To Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Allen (Georgia) a son, Marion Hendrix, Jr., November 17, 1913.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Zinn (Gettysburg) a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, December 25, 1913, at Amherst, Massachusetts.

To Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Dietrich (Lehigh) a son, January 3, 1914.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jess Littlefield (Michigan) a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Van Brocklin (St. Lawrence) a son, January 1, 1914.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. McCreary (Wittenberg) a son, January 11, 1914.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kline (Wittenberg) a son, November 18, 1913.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rudolph (Muhlenberg) a son, Vincent Seelye, October 17, 1913, at Portland, Oregon.

#### ENGAGEMENTS.

Eckley B. C. Goyne (Lehigh) and Miss Marjory B. Goodwin, of Plainfield, New Jersey.

Benjamin F. Pfeiffer (Missouri) and Miss Margaret Washington.

Ernest C. Russell (Ohio Wesleyan) and Miss Virginia V. Pringle.

M. C. O'Brien (St. Lawrence) and Miss Margaret McGinnis.

Aubrey David (St. Lawrence) and Miss Ruth Farmer.

Thomas N. Corlette (Western Reserve) and Miss Anna Dustin, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Ralph White (Michigan) and Miss Lora Crum, Youngstown, Ohio.

Charles E. Warren (Illinois) and Miss Bess Cockrell.

#### MARRIAGES.

Ralph Sedgwick (Illinois) and Miss Frances E. Smith, at Chicago, Illinois, September 29, 1913.

Wilbur Appleyard (Michigan).

Scan Furman (Michigan).

Ernest Loring (M. I. T.) and Miss Eva Batchelor.

Robert Van Atta (Ohio State) and Miss Mildred Daniels.

John McDaniels (Rose) and Miss Helen Dicky.

C. H. Gaines (St. Lawrence) and Miss Chloe Stearns, December 12, 1913.

John M. Price (Western Reserve) and Miss Katharine Barker.

Harvey L. Reno (Muhlenberg) and Miss Olive M. Wilson.

Ralph H. Schatz (Muhlenberg) and Miss Elizabeth Reiff.

Harry Lubers (Colorado) and Miss Marguerite Marquis.

Maurice S. Meeker (Chicago) and Miss Clara L. Hood, Chicago, January 3, 1914.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

R. S. Van Atta (Albion) from 263 Albemarle Street to 759 East Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

W. C. Martin (Ohio State) from 512 West 184th Street to 4241 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

H. O. McDonough (Washington and Jefferson) from 28 Benton Place to 3016 Geyer Street, St. Louis, Mo.

C. Mengel Struch (Rose) from 1210 Barrett Street to 1425 Winter Street, Louisville, Ky.

James B. Biddle (Missouri) from 4301 Lindell Street to 5355 Berlin Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Harvey M. Burkey (Lehigh) from 198 North Eleventh Street, Newark, N. J., to 144 Leland Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

Sidney B. Fithian (Illinois) from Redlands, Cal., to 1134 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, Cal.

Herbert Rinard (Gettysburg) from Pennsburg, Pa., to 3719 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa.



Lewis Williams (Washington) from 607 Leary Building to 531 Lyons Building, Seattle, Wash.

H. M. McLain (Southwestern Presbyterian) from Belcher, La., to Minden, La.

D. H. Levan (Lehigh) from Allentown, Pa., to care United Gas Improvement Company, Omaha, Neb.

W. E. Sturges (Lehigh) from Phoenixville, Pa., to care Phoenix Bridge Company, Atlanta, Ga.

C. W. Barnes (Lehigh) from Philadelphia, Pa., to care Northern Central Railway, Elmira, N. Y.

W. B. Denham (V. M. I.) from Augusta, Ga., to Jacksonville, Fla.

H. H. McHose (Cornell) from Catasauqua, Pa., to Bethlehem, Pa.

C. J. Rice (Wisconsin) from 618 Seventieth Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis., to 2807 Fond Du Lac Avenue.

W. E. Groff (Muhlenberg) from Sellersville, Pa., to Perkasio, Pa.

H. Mauelshagen (Tennessee) from Schenectady, N. Y., to 1110 Temple Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn.

Lawrence H. Hall (Pennsylvania) from Middletown, Ohio, to Hamilton, Ohio.

S. L. Carpenter (California) from 1523 West Twenty-eighth Street to 1421 West Eleventh Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal.

Roy Murphy (Oregon) from Haines, Ore., to Portland, Ore.

T. W. Gregory (Austin) from Dallas, Texas, to Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

M. Y. Dabney (Sewanee) from Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, to Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland.

Shile Miller (Gettysburg) from Falconer, N. Y., to Meadville, Pennsylvania.



#### OREGON MAN CHOSEN DEAN.

Ward L. Ray (Oregon), the founder of his chapter, was recently chosen dean of William and Vasthti College, as the following clipping from the Oregon *Emerald* will show:

Prof. Ward L. Ray, a graduate of the university in the class of 1903, has been chosen dean of William and Vasthti College at Aledo, Illinois.

The *Verdiviette*, the college publication, has the following to say regarding the selection:

"Dean Ray came to William and Vasthti College two years ago to take charge of the department of chemistry and physics. His natural qualities and scholastic ability, together with his special preparation, in administrative studies and courses leading to work in professional and engineering, gives him a special fitness for advising the junior as well as the freshman."

After completing his course at the university, Dean Ray went to the University of Wisconsin, where he was awarded his Master degree. He further supplemented his education by spending a year in the University of Berlin, Germany, where he took special courses.



#### A SKETCH OF W. K. HATT.

The January number of the *Cornell Civil Engineer* publishes the following brief sketch of William K. Hatt (Cornell), which is of interest to us:

William K. Hatt was born in 1868. He received an A. B. degree from the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, Canada, in 1887, and that same year enrolled as a student in the College of Civil Engineering, Cornell University, from which he graduated in 1891, with a C. E. degree. Immediately after graduation he accepted a position as professor of civil engineering at the University of New Brunswick, but resigned in 1892, and then for one year taught in the Civil Engineering College at Cornell. In 1893 Mr. Hatt became associate professor of civil engineering at Purdue University and five years later associate professor of applied mechanics at the same institution. In 1898 he received an M. A. degree from the University of New Brunswick and three years later a Ph. D. degree from the same institution.

Mr. Hatt has ever been active. The summers during his undergraduate and early graduate days were spent in attaining practical experience along various lines of engineering work and has been engaged at different times in railway, bridge, drainage and sewerage work. From 1894-95 he was town engineer of West Lafayette, Indiana, and in 1898 resident engineer for the Columbia City Sewer System. However, Mr. Hatt's chief efforts have been concentrated on materials of construction and reinforced concrete work, and from 1903 to 1908 served as engineer in charge of timber tests under the direction of the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Since 1906 Mr. Hatt has been professor of civil engineering and director of the laboratory for testing materials at

Purdue, and since 1908 has acted in the capacity of consulting engineer in the Forest Service, both of which positions he holds at present.

Mr. Hatt's private practice has dealt chiefly with the preparation of reports on materials and processes and on failures of reinforced concrete buildings. On several occasions he has served on commissions appointed by the city commissioner of buildings of Chicago to prepare regulations governing the erection of flat slab reinforced concrete buildings. Altogether he has written some hundred scientific papers treating of the general field of civil engineering and structural materials. In 1903 he was awarded the Fuertes Gold Medal at Cornell.

Mr. Hatt is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society for Testing Materials, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association, fellow of the Indiana Academy of Science, and a member of the Indiana Engineering Society.



#### LITTLE COACHES CINCINNATI ELEVEN.

George Little (Ohio Wesleyan) was thus featured in a recent issue of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*:

George Little, former Ohio Wesleyan star, will be the football coach of the University of Cincinnati next season, succeeding Lowell B. Dana. The Athletic Council will confirm his appointment in a day or so. Negotiations which have been passing between the Methodist man and the local authorities for some weeks came to a head yesterday, it was learned from Columbus, where Little now resides.

Considered at the time one of the best tackles in the State, Little gained his football education at Wesleyan when that aggregation was a big feature in the conference. Upon leaving the Delaware institution he took up a course at Ohio State, and for the last two years acted as assistant coach there. He is given credit for lending much help to Head Coach Wilce, who produced the strongest Scarlet and Gray eleven in years last season. Little comes here with the best of recommendations, and if these are to count for anything the gridiron fans can look forward to a successful campaign at the Red and Black camp this fall.

The selection of Little may come as a surprise to some. The former Wesleyanite is not so well known in these parts as he is upstate. The lightning struck in an unexpected spot, ending a long search on the part of the Athletic Council to discover a coach well up on the game as played in the Buckeye confines. Little is a tall, husky chap, and the experts give him credit for much football craftiness. One year under Wilce, the best coach in Ohio, has put Little right on the edge and he is confident of his own success.



There were more than a dozen applicants for the position, hailing all the way from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to South Dakota. Little's capacity will be that of an "all-year" man, which means that he is to stay here throughout the entire school term. Besides coaching the gridiron huskies, he will help out in basketball, track and other sports. The all-year plan was adopted by the Athletic Council not so long ago. It was this new rule that prevented the return of Lowell Dana. Dana is tied up in business and is unable to give more than three months to football work.

Little won out over such men as Exendine, Sweetland and Metcalfe. Others after the job, not so well known here, desire not to have their names mentioned. The Metcalfe referred to is the same fellow who was head coach at Oberlin two years ago and assistant there to Glen Gray last season. He is coming to Cincinnati to study medicine.

It is expected that Little will pay a visit to this city early next week to sign the papers. Physical Director Al Brodbeck, it develops, secretly hunted Little out, and when questioned last evening admitted that the council had decided to appoint the Wesleyan man. All that remains to be done is the John Hancock stunt on the part of Little, which will require just a pen, a little ink and no argument. Little's home town is Washington, D. C.



#### HARRY H. CULVER.

Harry H. Culver was born in Milford, Nebraska, January 22, 1880. He received his early training in his home town, took an academic course at Doan College, and entered the University of Nebraska in 1897, where he took a general scientific course. He was initiated into Alpha Tau Omega by Nebraska Gamma Theta.

After leaving the university in 1901, Mr. Culver was sent to the Philippine Islands as special agent of the Treasury Department at Washington. There were six Alpha Taus on the boat going over, and a grand celebration was held at Honolulu—for the good of the order. During his three years' stay on the islands he organized the Manila Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega. Returning under orders in 1904 he went direct to the World's Fair at St. Louis, still as special agent of the Treasury Department. After the fair his work took him to Detroit, where he organized the Detroit Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega.

From Detroit he went back to Milford, Nebraska, his home town, and put the Shogo lithia mineral water on the market. This work took him to the Isthmus of Panama, where he con-



tracted with the Isthmian Canal Commission for several carloads of mineral water. Shortly after his return from Panama, the water company was sold to ten capitalists and Mr. Culver went to Omaha, Nebraska, and opened a real estate office, selling southern Colorado lands. In the meantime he organized the Omaha Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega.

In the latter part of 1910, after an operation for appendicitis, the doctors ordered him to Los Angeles. Arriving in Los Angeles in July, 1911, he opened an office at 918 Story Building. Recognizing the fact that the city was growing fastest toward the Southwest he specialized in Los Angeles to Venice acreage. The first six months was a hard fight for business, but finally by constant hustling and unswerving determination he made his first sale, and at the same time was fortunate in striking a responsive chord in his advertising, the slogan—"Watch Los Angeles to Venice acreage go to \$5,000"—winning the day.

After two years in Los Angeles, Mr. Culver can point to the following record of achievements: The Culver Company occupies the entire second floor of the Hill Street front in the New Hollingsworth Building. The company regularly employs a force of over fifty salesmen; 173 different tracts of acreage have been sold, representing a total of \$4,500,000; the town of Culver City, midway between Los Angeles and Venice, which was a bare field a few months ago, shows lot sales today of over \$250,000, and is building up rapidly; Mr. Culver is president of the Culver Investment Company, and founder of Culver City. Only a few weeks ago he was offered a salary position of \$12,000 a year, which he refused. It is very evident from this that Culver City has a great future.

Mr. Culver stands high in the community, being a Shriner, a member of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, Los Angeles Realty Board, Chamber of Commerce and several minor organizations. He takes an active interest in the Los Angeles Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega, which emphasizes his consistent enthusiasm for the fraternity, and we all have reason to feel justly proud that one more of the sons of Malta is mounting the ladder of fame.

## LOS ANGELES ITEMS.

Judge James J. Banks (Alabama Alpha Epsilon) recently moved from Denver, Colorado, where he has been practicing law for several years. He has entered into business relations in this city with the law firm of Delmas, Imel & Banks.

Harry H. Culver (Nebraska Gamma Theta) is doing an extensive real estate business in Los Angeles. He is the president of the Culver Investment Company and the founder of Culver City, a thriving young city midway between Los Angeles and Venice.

Frank D. Walsh (Colorado Gamma Lambda) for the past two years has been sales manager in charge of the Los Angeles office of the Pacific Building Company, a million dollar corporation having their headquarters in San Diego, Cal.

Sam Carpenter (California Gamma Iota) has recently been appointed manager of the Equitable Surety Company, with offices in the Central Building.

F. Barrett Hanawalt (California Beta Psi) was married on November 26, 1913, to Miss Olive Horn, of Los Angeles.



## GLEANED FROM THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

H. M. Butler (Brown) is the headmaster of the Allegheny Preparatory School, Pittsburgh, and sends the PALM interesting statistics relating to the fraternity situation at Brown.

Wilbur E. Holl (Albion) is with John H. Holl, civil engineer at Canton, Ohio.

Victor C. Moulton (Colorado) is the president of the University of Colorado Alumni Association of Pittsburgh.

Douglas A. Roller (Colorado) is the newly elected secretary of the University of Colorado Alumni Association of Denver.

Golden C. Davis (Wittenberg) has been appointed police magistrate of Springfield, Ohio.

A. O. Fleming (Mt. Union) and F. F. Herr (Western Reserve) report that they enjoyed the hospitality of the Gettysburg chapter during the reunion of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle.

R. S. Quin (Emory), who supplied the splendid article concerning the Atlanta alumni for this number, is now with the Southern

Railway Company as assistant publicity agent. During the Atlanta Congress he was one of the editors of the daily edition of the PALM and was formerly upon the reportorial staff of the *Constitution*.

Frank C. Colvin (Wooster) is the secretary of the committee in charge of the home mission work of the Synod of Michigan, M. E., and is located at Jonesville, Michigan.

John N. Hartman (Gettysburg) is managing a newspaper agency in Pittsburgh.

Charles A. Haines (Muhlenberg) is with the Emerson Company, efficiency engineers, with offices in the Railway Exchange, Chicago.

W. S. Beam, who was mentioned in the December PALM as a member of the Trinity chapter, desires us to state that he is a member of the chapter at the University of North Carolina.

W. P. Lamberton (Kansas), who represents the first senatorial district in the State Senate, states that he spent several pleasant hours with the Kansas chapter recently.

A. F. Miller (Muhlenberg) is taking law at the Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

J. R. Greer (Iowa) is with the Superior Coal Company, at Gillespie, Illinois.

Benjamin S. Pfeiffer (Missouri) received his Master's degree in electrical engineering at Illinois last year and is now with the Commonwealth-Edison concern at Chicago.

George P. Steinemann (Albion) is with Williams & Steinemann, lawyers, with offices in the Kingsburg Building, Sandusky, Ohio.

Wylie B. Wendt (Kentucky) is connected with the engineering department of the Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing, Michigan.

Dr. Henry D. Jump (Pennsylvania), one of the old wheel horses of his chapter, whose original interest in the fraternity has never abated or lagged, continues to enjoy a large practice in Philadelphia.

Paul R. Hickok (Wooster), former Worthy Grand Chief, writes, "I had a round with the doctors this summer and fall and had to be laid up for some surgical repairs before we were through. But I am good as new now."



K. W. Parham (Trinity), one of the PALM's oldest subscribers, is with the Gibbes Machinery Company, at Columbia, South Carolina.

H. M. Kirton (Michigan) is practicing law at Malta, Montana.

Edward E. Thompson (Brown) is teaching modern languages at the Winchester (Massachusetts) High School.

George V. Welsh (Georgia) is with the Glover Machine Works, Marietta, Georgia.

Among the many holiday greetings received by the PALM office was a letter from Bishop John H. Vincent (Mt. Union), former Worthy Grand Chaplain, whose interest in the fraternity becomes the keener with advancing years. He is now located at 5700 Blackstone Avenue, Chicago.

J. Harvey Randall (Brown) is president of the Bacone College and superintendent of the Murrow Indian Orphans' Home, both located at Bacone, Oklahoma.

F. H. Sanborn (Florida) is engaged with his father in the salmon industry at Astoria, Oregon.

W. H. Wilson (Albion) is connected with the American Seeding Machine Company, Springfield, Ohio.

M. Y. Dabney (Sewanee) is now with the Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

H. M. McLain (Southwestern Presbyterian) has gone to a new pastorate at Minden, Louisiana, and reports encouragingly.

William E. Brandt (Muhlenberg) has been with the Philadelphia *Record* during the past three years.

Rufus H. Felts, Jr. (Tennessee), since graduating in 1912, has been engaged in farming his place, Kenwood Hall, Springfield, Tennessee, and writes most interestingly about his work.

C. V. Dilley (Rose) is engaged with his father in the foundry business at Palestine, Texas.

H. N. Erwin (Wooster) is connected with the medical department of the National Military Home, Ohio.

John S. Cleavinger (Illinois) is the librarian of the Jackson (Michigan) public library.

Henry P. Martin (Purdue) is working on the Erie Barge Canal and may be addressed at Hart House, Media, New York.

A. E. Drake (Cornell) is the head of Drake & Drake, contracting engineers, at Buffalo, New York.



M. K. Snyder (Washington State) is secretary of the Pullman (Washington) Savings and Loan Association.

J. A. Sharpe (Trinity) is the editor of the *Robesonian*, published at Lumberton, North Carolina.

C. S. Warren (Trinity) is the head of the department of foreign languages in the Northwestern State Normal School, Alva, Oklahoma.

F. W. Middleton (Charleston) has been elected an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*.



#### BRIEF PERSONAL ITEMS.

*Georgia:* O. M. Gresham was appointed postmaster at Waynesboro, Georgia. E. V. Heath is in the legislature from Burke County, Georgia. M. H. Allen is secretary to the Court of Appeals of Georgia. H. G. Cannon is practicing medicine in Atlanta, having recently done post-graduate work in New York. J. H. Porter is corps manager for the Atlanta Coast Line Railway, Wilmington, North Carolina. H. I. Reynolds has entered the practice of medicine in Athens, Georgia. T. W. Davies is president of the Koalin Company, Beech Island, South Carolina. J. J. Woodside, Jr., of Atlanta, was recently made chairman of the social committee for the Shriners convention to be held there in May. R. P. Brooks, A. B. (Oxon), has recently published a History of Georgia, which is receiving much praise and is to be taught in the public schools of Georgia. H. B. Payne is solicitor of Elbert County, Georgia. Tom Brown, solicitor of the Northern Circuit of Georgia, is expected to make the race for Congress this spring. Frank Park has been elected to Congress from the second district of Georgia to succeed the late Congressman Roddenberry, a member of Alpha Zeta.

*Hillsdale:* Rev. Fenton O. Fish, class of 1912, is occupying the pulpit of the Baptist Church at Quincy, Michigan. Rev. C. C. Mitchell, who for several years has been pastor of the Free Baptist Church at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, has resigned his pastorate to accept a good position with a lecture bureau. Mitchell won the State oratorical contest for Hillsdale in 1899 and graduated in 1901. Jay L. Barker, '06, is meeting with great success in the

banking business at Honor, Michigan. In addition to his banking business, he is president of the Honor Board of Trade, and Worshipful Master of the town's Masonic order.

*Kansas:* Roy A. Roberts, '09, G. M., has been appointed Washington correspondent for the *Kansas City Star*. Roberts is now in Washington and is making good on the job. Prof. G. E. Coghill, G. D., is professor of histology in the school of medicine of the University of Kansas this year. Frank E. Tyler, '09, who graduated from the Harvard law school last year, is working in a law office in Kansas City, Missouri; he is said to have an excellent opportunity.

*Missouri:* Stockton Fountain (Missouri Gamma Rho, '11) has been named for the nomination from Boone County for the Missouri State Legislature; the nomination from this county is equivalent to election, it is said; his home is in Centralia, Missouri. Frank See (Missouri Gamma Rho, '11) is running for county prosecutor of Mississippi County, Missouri; his home is in Charleston, Missouri.

*M. I. T.:* C. D. Howe, '07, has just been appointed to the office of chief engineer of the Grain Commission of Canada; this commission corresponds to the Interstate Commerce Commission in this country; the salary attached is \$10,000 per annum. Bates, '11, and Farlye Cornell, '10, are out in Middleton, Massachusetts, in the fancy apple business and are operating quite an extensive farm.

*Muhlenberg:* W. C. Schlegel, '13, is with the Eagle Brothers Silk Company, Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

*Ohio State:* George Little, who graduated from Wesleyan two years ago, and who has been taking the course in agriculture at Ohio State, has just accepted the position of head coach of all athletic teams at the University of Cincinnati, at a fine salary; while at Wesleyan, Little won his letter for three years in football, basketball and track; at Ohio State he has been assistant director of athletics under Director L. W. St. John, another local alumnus; his success led several colleges to bid for Little for the coming year, and he accepted the Cincinnati position. Robert Faxon is

at present located in Connecticut, where he is doing landscape gardening. Harry Lynch has a position at Mogollon, Mexico, where he is mining engineer for a large company. Harry Strong is at Steubenville, where he is head chemist for the Acme Glass Company. G. D. Hatfield is located in Indianapolis, where he holds a responsible position.

*Ohio Wesleyan:* Carl Bare, '11, is Virginia State Secretary of the Student Y. M. C. A., and is located at 900 American National Bank Building, Richmond, Virginia. Walter E. Battenfield has accepted a position with the Associated Press, and is located in New York City.

*Oregon:* Edward E. Brosius, ex-'13, has fully recovered from his three years' illness and expects to be with us again next year. James Cuning, '08, is police judge in Baker; he "fines them ten dollars just on principle." Benjamin W. Grout, '11, has charge of the Sellwood sub-station for the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company. David L. McDaniel, '11, the all-Northwest relay runner, has charge of the San Francisco branch of the J. D. Gordon Company, wheat brokers. Karl W. Onthank, '13, is principal of the Franklin High School and superintendent of the public schools. Harold C. Merryman, '11, has formed a new law partnership with Mr. Hayes in Klamath Falls. Chauncey Cuning, '10, is with the Wells Fargo Company, at Baker. Howard W. Drew, '11, is superintendent of schools at Athena. Harold E. Hunt, '09, is still on the reportorial staff of the *Oregon Journal*, at Portland. William Rhinehart, ex-'11, who went to Washington State for pharmacy, and whose marriage to Miss Susan Steiwer was recently announced, is following his profession in Vancouver. Rex A. Turner, '12, is practicing law with his father in Salem. George M. White, '11, is the supervisor of schools in the Philippines. Theodore G. Williams, ex-'12, whose recent marriage to Miss Clementine Cutler came as the culmination of a college romance, is a clerk in the exchange department of the U. S. National Bank, in Portland. Ray F. Murphy, ex-'13, will graduate in June from the University of Oregon Dental School, in Portland. George C. Huggins, ex-'14, holder of the indoor mile record of the Pacific Coast, expects to return to college in February. Harry C.



Vierick, ex-'14, will graduate in June from the University of Oregon School of Medicine, in Portland. Edgar E. Martin, '13, has charge of the installation of machinery in the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company's new electrically equipped saw mill. Walter R. McClure, '13, record holder in Northwest outdoor one-half mile, mile and two mile, is taking post-graduate work in the pre-medics department. John W. Welch, Jr., ex-'15, and John Coshow, ex-'16, expect to be in college next semester; Welch is a salesman for the John W. Welch Dental Supply Company; Coshow is in his uncle's law office in Roseburg.

*Purdue:* Stackhouse, '13, is now connected with the National Fireproofing Company, Toronto, Canada, where he holds a responsible position. W. F. French is assistant chemical engineer for the Pittsburgh Coal Company at their branch office in Duluth, Minnesota. Moriarity, ex-'13, who has been traveling out of Richmond, Virginia, for the Cabin Creek Coal Mining Company, has had his headquarters changed to Indianapolis and his territory to Indiana; as a result, he is a frequent visitor to Gamma Omicron. Janney, '07, while in Lafayette bidding for a contract to reconstruct the Main Street levee, spent three or four days with the Purdue chapter.

*Rose:* John McDaniels is with the Pioneer Malting Company, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Claude L. Douthett and William H. Webster spent part of their Christmas vacation in Terre Haute.

*Southwestern Presbyterian:* William R. Potter is now preaching in Mineral Wells, Texas. D. W. McLain is now with the Acme Steel Company, Atlanta, Georgia. George W. Cheek is pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at Mathews, North Carolina. S. E. Crosby is pastor of the Presbyterian Church, at Albany, Georgia. H. H. Thompson is principal of the French Camp Academy, French Camp, Mississippi. J. C. Stewart is Presbyterian minister at Learned, Mississippi. R. N. Doyle is manager of the Mercantile Company, Theta, Tennessee.

*Western Reserve:* Graham H. Stewart, '08, is spending a year at Paris, studying for foreign government service. J. C. Mead, '12, of the bonding firm of Reese, Owen & Clark, Cleveland, opened a law office in Cleveland, February 1, 1914. T. N. Corlette, '10, is demonstrating Acme automatic machines in the technical



schools of the country. K. C. Eagley, '13, is with the General Railway Signal Company, Rochester, New York. W. J. Rooke, '10, has taken a position on the editorial staff of the Cotton Publishing Company, Atlanta, Georgia. S. H. Smith, '11, is traveling for the Glidden Varnish Company.

*Wooster:* A. L. McCarthy, ex-'14, is now district manager of the Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Company, located at Minneapolis. Letters from Frank Blanbenhorn, '13, who is teaching in the Philippines, tell of his success and enjoyment of the work. Wilson M. Compton, '10, who took M. A. in the University of Cincinnati, 1911, and has since been studying in the graduate school at Princeton, is this year fellow in economics, and expects to complete his graduate work in June, and take his degree. He has had two very fine government positions offered him, but has refused them in order to complete his graduate work.

*Pennsylvania State:* James E. Watson is the sales manager of the Elliott Company, Pittsburgh. B. R. Norton is with the Philadelphia Electric Company, with headquarters in that city. H. L. Bowman is taking post-graduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and expects to affiliate with the local chapter there. Frank E. Gaffney is connected with the engineering department of the Pennsylvania Railroad and is located at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. J. J. Bourguin is chemist for the Davis Coal Company, at Thomas, West Virginia. J. A. Tinsman is in the sanitary department of the Philadelphia water bureau. H. K. Keil is an engineer for the Public Service Company, Pittsburgh. J. A. Rankin is engaged in the insurance business at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. John Telleysch conducts a department store at Scranton, Pennsylvania. C. W. H. May is with the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York. W. L. Neibling is about to start on an extended tour of Europe. J. G. Gordon, R. B. Clapp and J. A. Fulkman are connected with the Pennsylvania Water and Power Company, Baltimore, Maryland. R. D. Spencer is studying medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. W. G. Goodenow is draftman with the Sprout-Waldron Company, Muncy, Pennsylvania. O. B. Malin is with the Pennsylvania Railroad with offices at Altoona, Pennsylvania. A. F. Fisher is engaged in business with his father at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

## The Associations

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### COLORADO.

It is with considerable pride that the Colorado Alumni Association looks upon the conclave of Province III just held. Some of our old timers traveled a long way to be here for the great event. J. R. Greenlee came all the way from Seattle and arrived only just in time to be among those present; A. M. Emigh came from Pagosa Springs, Colorado, which is five hundred miles away; and H. S. Henderson came from Grand Junction, which is almost as far. Aside from the business accomplished by the conclave, it will undoubtedly give further impetus to the spirit of activity that has manifested itself in this alumni association, and will undoubtedly tend to greater social interest and to a closer relation with the active chapter of Boulder.

Joseph Garst (Colorado Gamma Lambda), recently of Fort Collins, Colorado, has moved to Alberta, Canada, where he will be in charge of irrigation construction. John Garvin (Florida Alpha Omega) is principal of the South Side High School and is exceedingly influential among educational circles.

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### IOWA.

The Iowa Alumni Association held its annual meeting and banquet on the evening of January 16th in the new chapter house of Iowa Beta Alpha at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa. There were forty-nine active and alumni Alpha Taus in attendance and every one of the visiting brothers voted the Beta Alpha chapter the most royal of hosts and the best of entertainers.

With Olive, chairman of the National Song Book Committee, presiding at the piano, we were shown how some of the new songs which Olive has composed are to be sung. They are great, especially the way the Simpson bunch sing them. We were further entertained with a few vocal selections by Rhodes and Harvey on the violin. Taking it all in all the whole evening was one in which the real spirit of Alpha Tau Omega friendship reigned supreme.

Just a word about the new chapter house of Iowa Beta Alpha. It is a splendid home, eminently suited to every need of the chapter, and the general fraternity should be congratulated on its acquisition.

We have adopted the plan of meeting the third Saturday of each month at noon, taking lunch together at the Randolph Hotel. We hope every Alpha Tau who sees this and is able will meet with us on those dates.

D. S. KRUIDENIER.

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#### KNOXVILLE.

The Knoxville alumni held a meeting at the chapter house of Tennessee Pi on January 14th and decided to organize an alumni association. The twenty odd present decided unanimously in favor of the plan, and have applied for a charter, immediately upon receipt of which an organization will be perfected. More are expected to join soon, and altogether the outlook is very bright for a big, wide-awake association.

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#### LOS ANGELES.

The past year has been a most encouraging one for the association. It holds forth great promise of bigger things and more earnest co-operation for next year. The "live-wire" members have been constant and responded nobly to everything undertaken. Unfortunately we have a few men in the city who have allowed their fraternity spirit to fade away. We will continue to hope, however, that by determined perseverance and unflagging trust in the ideals we are all supposed to hold in common, we shall eventually win back, one by one—or in bunches—the money-mad, the over-domesticated and the disinterested brothers, who now go their many ways unmindful of our repeated calling.

Early in the year we had a very successful stag dinner at the University Club. We assembled about 7 o'clock in the evening and after an enjoyable dinner, held an informal business meeting at which a constitution and by-laws for the association was adopted, subject to approval of the Worthy Grand Chief and High Council. The next month we had a very successful box party at Venice, where we spent the evening dancing in the big pavilion on the pier. A few weeks later we had a delightful dinner party for the ladies at the Hollywood Hotel. We went out to Hollywood in autos and after dinner spent the evening dancing. The next event was a stag supper at Christopher's Grill, given in honor of Frede Hagen (Colorado Gamma Lambda). Mr. Hagen was married to Miss Niederer, of this city, the next day and left for Colorado, where he is registrar of the State University. One of the most enjoyable events of the year was our picnic to Sante Monica Canyon on Memorial Day. We all went out in machines and after roving among the hills most of the day, partook of a grand spread, prepared by the ladies. We returned about 7.30 in the evening to the home of Miss Hargreaves, in Hollywood, where she was hostess, entertaining with a dancing party which lasted until a late hour.



The month following the picnic, we were all entertained at the home of Barrett Hanawalt (California Beta Psi). It was a stag party and developed into a grand good time. July 21st, Sid Fithian (Illinois Gamma Zeta) was our guest of honor at a dutch lunch, given in Blanchard Hall. "Sid" was one of our "live wires" and one of those delightful persons who are "always present." A number of the men turned out and the evening closed with enthusiastic talks from Fithian, Van Brundt, Barnett, Ijames and Pollard, the Gamma Zeta men present.

Our big social event of the year was our first annual dance and reception, given at the Garnet Club, November 1st. Each brother invited one guest which added just enough to our crowd to make things comfortable. The hall was appropriately decorated in Hallowe'en style, and the whole affair was voted a great success by all present. Our last function of the year was a dancing party, December 27th, given at the Aragon Apartments.

We still continue our regular Friday luncheons, and would like to have more out-of-town friends take advantage of them. We feel that on the whole the past year has been a very successful one and we are optimistic for the future. We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes and fraternal greetings to our brothers everywhere. FRANK D. WALSH.

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### SPRINGFIELD.

On Monday evening, January 19th, at 6.30 o'clock at the Lagonda Club House, the Springfield Alumni Association, the Alpha Psi Chapter House Association and the Ohio Alpha Psi Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, united in their annual banquet and business meeting. The occasion was an auspicious one and voted by all present as one of the most enjoyable and profitable ever held by the local Taus.

The call had gone forth that the banquet was to be given to accomplish a threefold purpose—first, to strengthen fraternal ties; second, to honor the recent initiates of the chapter; and third, to complete the transactions of the fiscal year of the Chapter House Association and reorganize for the approaching year. That all three purposes were subserved has been enthusiastically acknowledged by every one in attendance.

A five-course dinner was served. The tables were handsomely decorated with flowers and the colors of the fraternity. At each plate a view of the chapter house met the gaze of the one about to be seated. Between the courses, the financial reports of the chapter and the association were read, various items of business transacted, and officials for the year elected as follows: Trustees, Warren Diehl, H. F. Kline, John B. McGrew, Prof. R. W. McKinney and Dr. J. A. Ness. After the dinner, a number of the brothers responded to toasts proposed by Doctor Ness, who acted as toastmaster. Among those who spoke were: Henry A. Hanson for the freshmen, and H. C. Downey, H. V. Bretney, Laban Murray, Dr. T. S. Phillips and Judge G. C. Davis.



After the addresses the newly elected trustees organized by electing Dr. J. A. Ness, president; John B. McGrew, vice president, and Prof. R. W. McKinney, secretary-treasurer.

Those present were: M. M. Miller, Forest Touchman, A. W. Endter, Roy Witter, Carl Tuttle, R. W. Betschel, J. C. Netts, Thomas Holman, Henry A. Hanson, P. R. Minnich, H. H. Petty, Robert Goodwin, Floyd Moler, Winfred Allen, Preston Allen, Virgil Cory, Porter Johnson, Russell Little, A. J. Beams, Guy Crouse, C. G. Smith, H. E. Dunmire, O. D. Wearley, H. E. Dunkle, F. S. Morrow, H. B. Nelson, Dr. A. H. Potter, K. L. Watkins, Dr. T. S. Phillips, W. W. Diehl, Rupert Wissinger, W. C. Jones, H. C. Downey, Samuel Cory, Laban Murray, Prof. R. W. McKinney, J. Paul Clingerman, H. F. Kline, Walter Funderburg, Downing Beach, C. H. Hall, Dr. J. A. Ness, E. H. Fairchild, W. H. Wilson, W. N. Elder, H. V. Bretney and Judge G. C. Davis.

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#### ST. LOUIS.

The St. Louis Alumni Association is wide awake and enthusiastic over the acquisition of several new members, all of whom are bubbling over with Alpha Tau spirit. Nothing helps more in an alumni association than a fresh influx now and then of this youthful element.

The young alumnus comes to the organization brimful of what the chapters are doing today all over the United States and this helps wonderfully to keep the older brothers well informed of the great work of the fraternity among the chapters.

We find in St. Louis that discrepancy of age is nothing in an Alpha Tau alumni association. Members of all ages mingle just as well as those of an active chapter. In fact age is forgotten.

The more recent social functions among the St. Louis Alpha Taus have been largely confined to parties at the residences of some of the married brothers. This is always the most popular form of meeting. These parties nearly always include the ladies and a good many warm friendships have been formed among them in this way.

The most recent of these parties were given by Earl and Luke Cummings on Friday evening, November 28th, at 5191 Von Veasen Avenue.

Be sure to bring your Alpha Tau directory with you when you visit St. Louis. Look every one of us up. You will be royally welcomed. We were visited for a few hours recently by B. D. Butler, of New York Alpha Omicron, who was here from Chicago on a little business trip.

L. H. CUMMINGS.

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#### PORTLAND.

On Saturday, November 15, 1913, the annual football game between the University of Washington and the University of Oregon was played in this city in the presence of a large crowd of students and sympathizers;

with victory for the University of Washington, by the score of 10-7. It was a great game and when the score stood at 7-7, it fell to the lot of an Alpha Tau man to boot the ball over the bar for a score of 3 and victory for his alma mater. The brother who accomplished this feat was Charles S. Smith, who was second choice for all-Northwestern quarterback.

At 6 o'clock of the same day, presided over by Homer D. Angell, president of our association, a banquet was tendered the visiting chapters from Washington and Oregon, at the Portland Commercial Club. There gathered round the festive board a company which forgot about gridiron clashes, forgot the feeling of rivalry; mingling with one another, obsessed only by a feeling of good will and cheer. There were present the entire active chapters of the two schools, together with almost all their alumni, and a goodly sprinkling of alumni from other institutions. There were fifty-three A. T. O.'s and ten pledges, which marks the event as the largest gathering of Taus ever held in the Pacific Northwest. There were thirteen chapters represented, extending to every part of our country.

The banquet was appetizing, the toasts well received and the fellowship shown cannot be described by this humble scribe, but must be left to the imagination of brother Taus who alone know the feelings which such occasions inspire. The gathering was a revelation in many respects, as it brought together in closer union those who are interested in our grand old fraternity in this part of the country and we feel sure that some good will result. The association here feels wonderfully strengthened and happy to know that A. T. O. is represented by such good, sound active chapters as now exist at the Universities of Washington and Oregon, and we have still greater hopes for them and for ourselves. We want to make the banquet an annual affair and there is no reason why this should not be. The principles of Alpha Tau Omega are of the noblest kind and should make the best kind of associates. We are trying to maintain those principles as best we know how in this corner of the globe, and again we extend to any visiting Taus the invitation to drop in and see us. Our invitation given in the last issue of the *PALM* has brought forth several calls from brothers. Keep on coming. We are always glad to see you.

The eyes of the world will soon be turned to the Pacific Coast in the great Panama Exposition to be held in San Francisco, California, in 1915. A number of national fraternities contemplate maintaining houses there during the fair, in order to greet all brothers attending. Why should Alpha Tau Omega not be in line to do the same thing, for there will be many of our number going there and no greater feeling can take hold of one than to know there is to be a place you can call yours and feel at home in? Consider the matter until next Congress and see what can be done.

The rifle team representing the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity at the State College, Pullman, Washington, won the inter-fraternity rifle tournament in the final contest held Wednesday, December 17, 1913, in which the opposing team was Ferry Hall. A \$40 silver cup was awarded the members of the winning team.

R. R. RUDOLPH.

# The Active Chapters

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## THE INITIATES

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(From January 1, 1914, to February 24, 1914.)

The Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer reports the following initiations:

PROVINCE I—*Alabama Poly*: Frank Cook; *Florida*: James E. Moore, Francis B. Carter, Jr., Thomas P. Pruitt, John A. Emmitt; *Georgia*: J. D. Lenhardt; *Mercer*: Hugh J. Tarver, Jr., James T. Wells; *Texas*: Chesley M. Adams, Owen L. Wheeler.

PROVINCE II—*Chicago*: Maclaw P. Maciontek, Henry E. Cope, Frank T. Moran, Earl H. Neville, Clarence W. Thomas, Arthur G. Asher; *Illinois*: John H. Powers, Harold A. Clark, Scott McNulta, Paul M. Boston, Marion M. Lovell, Arnim H. Wangelin, Horace H. Phelps, Thomas S. Browning, Samuel J. Roeder; *Rose*: Claude R. Coffey, John C. Rutor; *Purdue*: Harry P. Haynes, Hugh L. Pirie; *Adrian*: Harry D. Webster, Clarence J. Wood, Clinton W. Oliver, Clayton F. Oliver, Aaron J. Jennings; *Hillsdale*: E. G. Williams, C. B. Miller, Marcus Bostwick, H. A. VanKirk; *Michigan*: Harvey H. Gifford; *Albion*: Vern L. Slout, Fred H. Jannish.

PROVINCE III—*Colorado*: W. C. Lytle, R. E. McGraw, F. E. G. Olin, J. Melroy, H. K. Bailey, J. G. Scott, C. A. Bennett, C. M. Bomey, J. S. Griffin, H. C. Bennett; *Kansas*: L. F. Smith, Roy Fraser; *Missouri*: James R. Houx, Charles W. Herald, Jr., Alva F. McClennahan; *Wyoming*: William B. Cobb.

PROVINCE IV—*Maine*: Percy J. Van Dyke, Levi T. Rocolley; *Tufts*: Charles W. Whittemore, Charles R. Herald; *Worcester Poly*: Richard M. Daniels, Kirke B. Lawton, Vern J. Whelan, Arthur C. Bird, Glendon M. Pomeroy.

PROVINCE V—*Muhlenberg*: Roy E. Schoenly, William P. Schoudt, William H. Hollenbach, Paul J. Gebert, Joseph T. Hummel, Edwin W. Hartzell, Samuel D. Frederick, Joseph H. Berry, Jr., Thomas B. Keck; *Gettysburg*: R. V. Hankey; *Penn State*: D. A. Clapp, G. W. Crawford, H. W. Campbell, D. A. Smith, J. W. Gohl, E. F. Nagle, S. N. Rhue, W. H. Dawson, L. L. Lamb, J. K. McConeghy, G. A. McWreath, O. W. Meyers, H. G. Miller, G. R. Thorn, M. L. Bishop, G. K. Brennen, W. H.



Colegrove, T. L. Courson, J. N. P. Easby, A. F. Fischer, H. R. Pickett, W. G. Powell, P. T. Wunderly, J. A. Gill, Jr., B. J. Fair, H. R. Humphreys, M. P. Lewis, C. R. Snyder, C. E. Rieck, J. J. Bourquin, R. B. Clapp, Albert F. Fischer, J. A. Fulkman, F. E. Gaffney, W. G. Goodenow, J. C. Jordan, H. K. Keil, C. W. H. May, O. B. Malin, W. L. Niebling, B. R. Norton, J. A. Rankin, R. D. Spencer, J. A. Tinsman, J. Telleys, Jr., J. E. Watson, G. L. Sumner.

PROVINCE VI—*North Carolina*: Hillary D. Winslow; *Washington and Lee*: J. B. Wadworth, Jr., H. E. Ulmer, J. B. Gladney.

PROVINCE VII—*Ohio Wesleyan*: Frank E. Peat, Glen D. Mitchell, Ernest L. Ray, Everett V. Spaulding, James M. Battenfield; *Western Reserve*: Myron B. Gessaman, Frank Lewis, Clark T. McConnell, Harry A. Nicol, Henry B. Pentland, John A. Stitt, Harold A. Young, William C. Blackmore, Clifford G. Carlson, Laurence E. Cooney.

PROVINCE VIII—*Kentucky*: J. J. Venable, W. O. Bruning, G. L. Jackson, F. O. McMaster, K. S. Bixby, L. S. Marriott; *Vanderbilt*: William C. Carmen; *Union*: Roy Stewart, Paul S. Savage; *Sewanee*: John A. Steel; *Tennessee*: Robert L. Hicko, Frank Y. Hill, John D. Kelly, Richard McIlwaine, John T. Muse, Mark B. Stephens.

PROVINCE IX—*Stanford*: Herman G. Siefert, Samuel Evans, Jr.; *California*: John L. Graves; *Oregon*: R. M. Riggs, R. W. Ash, L. S. Pobst, C. A. Naylor; *Washington (University)*: Carl C. Harris, Carrol M. Ebright, G. Arthur Pershall, Wilson E. Scheffer, Maurice M. Duffy, Charles B. MacDougall, Homer L. Brown; *Washington (State)*: Dell J. McCormick, Paul M. Brawder, William M. King, Alfred W. Kienholz, Lowell R. Rooks, William R. Glover, Nelson M. Barnes.



## THE CHAPTER LETTERS

### PROVINCE I

#### ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC.

Since the holidays we have taken in M. S. Brislin, of Selma, Alabama, and have affiliated T. S. Teabeaut, of Georgia Alpha Theta.

On the championship football team this year we had four men. Clements is captain of the basketball team, while Louisell is sure to be on the varsity baseball squad, having played there last year. In class football we are well represented by a number of our new men.

We were unfortunate in losing Christopher, Noble and McFadden, who remained home after the holidays to accept positions.

G. G. SAMFORD.



## ALABAMA.

Beta Delta opened the post-Christmas festivities at the University of Alabama with a house dance for its members and friends. The house was beautifully decorated in evergreens gathered from the surrounding woods. Stollenwerck lead the dance with the assistance of Miss Jane Austen. The affair was enjoyed very much and it bids fair to be made an annual one. Several of our alumni were with us, among whom were Key Bouchelle and J. E. Morrisette.

Although basketball is a waning sport, we are giving it our hearty support with Griff Harsh at center; Lucien Hood at forward, and Hagan at guard. It is to be hoped that more interest will be taken in the future in this excellent midwinter sport. As basketball gives place to its better supported rival, and the baseball sap begins to rise, Nathan, Smith, Neville, Demoville and Harsh will be among the promising candidates for positions on the squad. Nathan is an "A" man of the 1913 season. Recently an "A" men's club was formed at the university for purposes of social and athletic advancement. W. L. Harsh was elected president of this organization.

Since Christmas Beta Delta has received visits from H. L. Reno, engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in Birmingham; Bouchelle, of Boligee, and Ralph Barrow, of Birmingham. It is with regret that we report the loss of G. W. Chamblin, who has returned to Dallas, Texas. However, P. F. Lane, of Georgia Alpha Theta, has affiliated and will enter the university at the beginning of the second half year.

GASTON D. STOLLENWERCK, JR.

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## FLORIDA.

Alpha Omega is still enjoying the prosperity that has been hers this school year. Final examinations are just over and the scholarship maintained as a whole, is by no means to be ashamed of.

We regret to lose P. C. Taylor and Percy Armstrong, who failed to return, and Harvey Hester, who has been transferred to Alpha Delta, University of North Carolina. In the place of these men we have four pledges and have initiated one. The coming of Harry S. Klingler from Pennsylvania Alpha Iota, is something that we wish to thank the chapter for, and are glad to welcome him at Alpha Omega. George Jackson passed the State bar examination and is practicing law at his home, St. Augustine, Florida.

Baseball has begun and Taylor and Buie are out for their old berths. Several of the new men are showing good form and we are expecting at least one more place on this year's team.

R. A. HENDERSON, JR.

## GEORGIA.

Alpha Beta returned only eighteen men after the holidays, but has taken in one new man. The men failing to return were Banks, Crandall, McLean and Roddenberry. Banks has left us to attend Emory College.

Class athletics start up in February and we are expecting to have men on most of the teams. Henderson and H. Brown, both varsity men of last year, will again represent us in baseball.

Wood is doing good work for the annual and will furnish most of the cartoons. Burford is proving an able editor on the weekly publication and will be put up for editor-in-chief. E. Cocke, who was a very successful assistant manager of the 1913 football team, will be put up for manager of the 1914 team. We will have our annual dance early after Easter. Arnold and Clements, of Auburn, visited us while here for a basketball game.

H. D. ALLEN, JR.

## EMORY.

Something of great importance is the recent movement set on foot by the Emory Pan-Hellenic Council to hold a convention of representatives from every chapter of every fraternity in Georgia, to discuss ways and means of defeating the anti-fraternity legislation which has been greatly agitated recently. This is a very important movement, as it would hurt both colleges and fraternities at large if such legislation were successful.

We are glad to report the affiliation of Donald Banks, who comes to us from Georgia Alpha Beta.

Alpha Theta will soon celebrate her thirty-third anniversary and we are planning to make the occasion a joyous one by holding a big smoker for the visiting brothers.

We are glad to have had the following brothers visit us the past month: Irvine, '13; Mallet, '13; Quillian, '13; H. J. Quillian, '11; Girardeau, '11, and Branham, '13.

## MERCER.

After the holidays all the chapter returned with the exception of Lumnsden and Smith.

C. H. Cook will receive his B. L. degree in June and T. M. Jones and C. C. Hertwig their A. B. degree.

Four alumni visited the chapter lately and by their aid have helped us greatly.

Our prospects for the spring session are brighter than for several years past.

This year we will be represented by at least four of our boys on their respective class teams in baseball.

H. R. TARNER.

## GEORGIA TECH.

Since our last letter to the PALM we are very sorry to report that three names have been dropped from our active roll; namely, E. B. Means, L. L. Stephenson and J. L. Graves. The chapter regrets this loss very much and takes this opportunity to extend to the brothers our heartiest wishes for a bright and prosperous future.

For the past two weeks we have been very busy standing our midterm examinations. On the whole, the brothers did remarkably well and none of our men were dropped from school on account of deficiencies. Notwithstanding this, however, we feel that our chapter could well afford to improve its scholastic standing.

The Pan-Hellenic Council is still at work on the new rushing rules that we hope to have in force before the beginning of the next term, but as there are ten fraternities represented, it is very hard to come to any definite agreement. The tendency, however, seems to be merely to a postponement of the time of extending invitations in order that the candidates may become accustomed to their new surroundings.

Of late there has been quite a little talk of action being taken by the State Legislature toward the adjustment, or perhaps abolishment, of fraternities in the State institutions. It has been considered a wise move to hold a State Pan-Hellenic Council in order to discuss the situation, and our chapter, realizing the graveness of the situation, has chosen representatives for this conclave. We feel assured that the whole trouble arises from a misunderstanding of the existing conditions and that if the proper steps are taken everything can be arranged to the complete satisfaction of all parties concerned. E. H. ARRINGTON.

## TEXAS.

In spite of faculty regulations, affairs are still running smoothly in the fraternity circle at Texas. A. T. O. in particular is showing no ill effects.

On Monday, January 19th, the chapter gave a most enjoyable dance in the chapter house. A two-course luncheon was served. About thirty couples were present.

By the fraternity rules, freshmen who have made four courses in the fall and winter terms are eligible for pledging after May 1st. Rushing is in force at present, but in a very mild form, consisting almost entirely of dinner dates. A. T. O. has always been very strong with town men and at present we have several highly desirable Austin freshmen in sight. We are confident that the end of the year will find us just a little better prepared for next year than the remaining fraternities in school.

F. L. CHRISTIAN.

## PROVINCE II

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### ILLINOIS.

With the first semester all over but the examinations and the shouting, Gamma Zeta is already looking forward to the second one with a great deal of interest.

The eleven men who were pledged in the fall have all shown themselves to have the true Alpha Tau spirit, besides doing things in the university. McNulta was the hit of the Mask and Bauble production this fall, and has been initiated into that organization. He is also a freshman varsity polo swimmer. Powers is playing freshman varsity basketball, and is manager of the freshman baseball team. Lovell is the student of the class, his habit of drawing 100 per cent. on his math papers each day having won for him the wonder and admiration of all freshman architects. We are counting on "Mac" to equal the enviable scholastic record of "String" Thomas.

The pledges, however, have not carried off all the honors. Krug, of former football fame, is on the varsity polo team, playing in the university band, and on Saturday mornings is much in evidence driving his promising gang of floor waxers. Barrett and French are in the Glee Club, and Bronson was elected assistant to the business manager of the 1915 year book with every assurance of being manager next year. Squier, who did such stellar work on the freshman varsity football team, is making just as good a showing in basketball. Blake is on the junior swimming team, and Thomas will, of course, be assured of his berth again with the varsity baseball squad. Patten has been initiated into Scarab, an architectural fraternity.

Since our annual homecoming, Warren (Gamma Zeta), Steel (Alpha Pi), Woods and Haynes (Beta Theta) and Ash (Pennsylvania Tau) have visited the chapter, and it has been indeed a pleasure to entertain them.

ROGER HILL.

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### CHICAGO.

The prospects for the coming year were brightened for Gamma Xi by the initiation of seven of our freshmen on the afternoon of January 17th. The initiates were given their rough work on the previous Saturday with the aid of many of our alumni. After the formal initiation, a banquet was held at the University Club for the benefit of the new Alpha Taus. The affair was one of the most successful ever attempted by the chapter and was heartily supported by more than fifty alumni. Among the speakers were F. R. Bott, Chief of Province II; E. N. Kerwin, one of our charter members of Gamma Xi, and John McDermott. R. C. Buck acted as toastmaster.



Our quarterly informal house party was held on February 7th. The chapter has established the custom of entertaining various members of the faculty for dinner every week. Among others who have been over were Dean Marshall and Doctor Millikan, our faculty representative.

Our prospects for winning the inter-fraternity bowling championship are exceptionally good. As usual our scholastic standing maintains the high standard set by Gamma Xi in the past. We are looking forward to first place among the fraternities here, a position held by us all last year.

Among the activities on the campus, we are also well represented. Lunde is president of the undergraduate council and also a member of the senior honorary society. Bennett is recording secretary of the inter-fraternity council and prominent in the honor movement. Crawford has been elected property man of the Blackfriars, a position which puts him in line for the management of next year's show. We are represented on the Mandolin Club by Haupt and Crawford, both of whom will make the trip to the coast in the spring. Haupt was elected director of the club during the present quarter. Moran is active in freshman debating. Atkins is a member of the varsity debating team which recently opposed Northwestern.

A. W. HAUPT.

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#### ROSE.

Negotiations for the purchase of the Hulman farm, east of the city of Terre Haute, have been completed by the board of managers of the Rose Polytechnic Institute, and according to the present plans the buildings will be complete within two years, and the fall term of 1916 will open its sessions with the institute complete on its new site. The grounds purchased include within one hundred and thirty to one hundred and forty acres. On the grounds, which have a frontage of one-half mile on the National Road, are two artesian wells and two small lakes that add much to the beauty of the place. This purchase was first announced January 23d of this year and nothing was heard about it till this time, because some time ago the managing board tried to buy the old Fort Harrison site and adjoining land, but land speculators hearing of the deal got hold of the land first and held it at an exorbitant price so that the school refused to buy.

The closing of the month of January brings the final examinations for the first term. These examinations are always the hardest of the year and the downfall of many a freshman.

Norvin Compton is assistant basketball manager this year. This probably means that he will be manager next year.

Epler Mills has had to quit school on account of his health. Mills will probably enter Rice Institute at Houston, Texas. A. L. PFAU, JR.

## PURDUE.

The outlook for Gamma Omicron is now brighter than at any time this year. The return of Emrick and pledge M. D. Taylor for the second semester, and the pledging of two others, has increased our roll to twenty-five.

We received a most enjoyable visit on January 14th from Rev. Paul R. Hickok, and were very much impressed by his enthusiastic talk about A. T. O. During the past month, Scott, Janney, Haltam, Butler, Morrow, Moriarty and Chestnutt have also paid us short visits.

Chestnutt, who has just returned from a two years' stay in California, has signified his intention of taking the eight weeks' short course, and will live with us during that time. On his return he was accompanied by Malarkey, who was married in Indianapolis to Miss Edith Elliott. After their marriage the happy couple went back to California, where Malarkey is operating a large poultry farm in partnership with S. Schuler, '12.

Just before the holidays we gave our annual Christmas dance which proved to be an enjoyable affair. Bowser, ex-'13, was a visitor. At present we are represented in school athletics by Crow on the varsity basketball squad, and Tieman, Boyd and Finn on the varsity track squad.

JOHN R. FINN.

## ADRIAN.

As we are now nearing the close of the first semester, we are looking forward to the next, when we expect to initiate five of our pledges. Since the last letter we have given a very enjoyable sleighride to the actives and pledges, also their lady friends.

Harry Webster, who was a pledge last year, has been visiting with us for the last two weeks. We are pleased to have with us again, Earl Rogge, who has returned to complete his course. Clinton Rogge leaves us February 15th to join the Chicago Americans, with whom he will play as a pitcher this year. Hawkins leaves school at the end of the semester to take up farming.

During the past quarter we have been entertained at dinner by Yoke, Wesley and Hawkins.

In football the following men received their "A's": McWilliams, Ayers, Wesley, Clinton Oliver, Clayton Oliver and Jennings. Clayton Oliver was elected as captain for next year. In basketball Ayers and Rogge will receive their "A's." In baseball we expect about six of our men to make a position.

THOS. SOULE.

## HILLSDALE.

All of the athletic interests of the college are now centered around basketball. The prospects for another winning team are good, as four of last year's M. I. A. A. champions are playing this year. Beta Kappa

is represented on the varsity by Tarbell at center. Our first game with Adrian resulted in a victory for Hillsdale. We were glad to shake hands with several of the Adrian brothers.

Not only in athletics, but in the varied activities of college is Beta Kappa playing her part. Reynolds, '15, is president of the "H" Association, while Roberts, '16, is secretary-treasurer of the same organization. C. B. Miller, '17, one of our freshmen, won the Amphictyon Society biographical and oratorical contests. Van Kirk, another of our pledges, captured second place on the Alpha Kappa Phi contest. Tarbell is president and Bostwick treasurer of the freshman class for the spring term. Harvey and Rosecrance are members of the sophomore debating team which has just been selected. DeLapp is president of the student council.

In pursuance of our policy of maintaining intimate relations with the faculty, Coach Firth gave us a very instructive talk before the open chapter on "The Choosing of a Vocation."

The social side has also not been neglected. Numerous stag feeds at the house broaden our friendship and cause each brother to feel a deeper interest in the welfare of the fraternity. We are now planning an informal party at the house, to be given between semesters, the preparations for which are in the hands of our pledges.

WEYLAND S. HARVEY.

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### MICHIGAN.

Beta Lambda is finishing the first semester of this school year with a good record. Many of our men are among the highest in their classes and not a few A's and B's are looked for from these men. We are working for a record that will place us near the first among the other fraternities about the campus.

Hammond, who is now working in Chicago, made us a visit during Christmas time and enjoyed the few parties that were pulled off. Since the last report Appleyard and Furman have left the bachelors' club and have been tied in the bonds of matrimony. The best wishes of the boys go with them in their future life. There is also a baby girl born to Jess Littlefield. Arthur Bancroft was elected chairman of the finance committee of the freshman law class. Jack Leonard was elected chairman of our junior hop committee, but as the hop was abolished by the board of regents we are arranging for a house party to take its place. We expect to hold a few dances in the house besides the Michigan Union formal party and a sleighride and dance to Whitmore Lake. A good time is looked forward to by the dozen or more couples that go. The boys who will not attend the house party are planning on making a trip to Lakeland, where they will camp for that week. There is good fishing and hunting thereabouts, but there is also plenty of cold weather. Cameron, whom we failed to mention in our last report, returned this year to



continue his course in architecture. Gibson has returned to school after a visit to his home in Beunos Aires, South America. He is glad to get back and the fellows are glad to see him back, as he is the only man here who can properly manage the freshmen.

Crawford, Porter, Gibson, Humphreys and Davenport are planning on taking a trip to Europe this next summer with the architectural class in conjunction with the Illinois architects.

As it is our turn to have the conclave this year we are making big preparations to make it a success. All the fellows in this province who can possibly get away should make every effort to come, for we want to show you a good time.

W. WHITNEY SLAGHT.

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#### ALBION.

The semester has closed. All of our fellows received high grades and we believe we can truthfully say that no other organization, whether literary society or fraternity, received a higher average than Alpha Tau.

Charles Gildart has just been elected to the Chemical Club. This gives us two representatives in this organization. Donald Fall has been elected president of the Contributors' Club. We have now three members in the Commercial Club, A. J. Reed, W. B. Bushaw and Fred Jannasch. Ray Babcock is a member of the Social Science Club.

On the evening of January 29th we had our fine midyear rushing party. We are rushing some mighty fine material, and as a result of this we put the button on Benjamin Franklin, a very promising man, and we will in all probability secure at least three more.

This year we shall have our full share of representatives in athletics. There will be four "A" men from last year's baseball team, and two new men who have excellent baseball records from their high schools. Three of our men, one a new man, will try out for the track team.

In order to stimulate even greater interest in the fraternity on the part of the members, and more especially on the part of the pledges, we are compiling very carefully, a history of the fraternity, and a brief biography of all the alumni, and, if possible, an autograph of each one. In addition we are trying to secure a complete collection of PALMS and a small library dealing with the fraternity.

HAROLD GOODFELLOW.

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#### WISCONSIN.

All contracts have been signed for the building of our new house which we will enter next September. The new house and grounds represent a \$45,000 expenditure and to meet this a new stock company has been formed and papers of incorporation filed. Our new home will have an ideal situation on the edge of Lake Mendota overlooking a beautiful stretch of water and country. The building will be of stone and tapestry



brick, fireproof and three stories high. A suite of two rooms is provided for every two men; and shower baths are to be located on the two upper floors. A temple will be built on the first floor. When completed, we will have a home that will equal the finest here.

E. A. Gelein, '14, played a consistent game in his old position at guard on the varsity eleven. He was recently elected to "Monastics," an upper class society. C. T. Anderson, '14, now acting as assistant managing editor of the *Daily Cardinal*, will take over the business managership of the paper this coming semester. He has been elected to serve as justice on the Student Court. Arthur Kootz, '14, was elected to the Artus Club, an honorary economics society. Harry White, '15, has been appointed regimental adjutant in the university regiment. George Anderson, '15, has secured a position on the varsity basketball squad.

Ray J. Hart, '16, of Watertown, South Dakota, surprised the chapter upon his return after the holidays with the announcement of his marriage during the Christmas vacation. He has left school to take up business with his father. H. A. Zillmann, '15, of Thorpe, Wisconsin, has also left school to enter business. John McKinney will be with us again next semester.

Our first dance of the scholastic year was given last week. The chapter gave no social affairs during the fall owing to the death of Chester Wells, who was endeared to all.

We enjoyed a visit from a number of members of Ohio Beta Omega who came up here for the Ohio-Wisconsin game. Three of the fellows rode the brakes all the way. A number of members of Minnesota Gamma Nu came down for that game. We have received visits from Wilson, Woodart, Coe, Baker, Bradley, Gruhl, Wagner, Stevens, Richey, McConnel, Ries and Kessler.

A. W. PRUSSING.

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### PROVINCE III

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#### COLORADO.

We are proud of the fact that we did not lose a single man by failure in the first semester's work, and the chapter's scholastic average promises to be very satisfactory.

Colorado University carried away the honors in football this year, having gained the State championship, and our three men, Walters, Ivers and Huber, were stars of the season. Our other representatives in university activities at this time are Vincent in basketball, and captain of the track team; Bailey, captain of baseball; McGraw, Milroy and Griffin in baseball; Sibbald, Barbrick and Lytle on the Glee Club.

Our alumni continue to pay us frequent visits. Province Chief Drake often comes to Boulder, bringing us words of valuable advice.

Russel Drinkwater, who graduated from the law school last year, will be married next summer to Miss Portia Olwin, a Pi Phi from the Boulder chapter. William Hood, county judge of Adams County, Colorado, was just recently married.

PAUL B. WHITNEY.

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#### SIMPSON.

On Friday evening, January 16th, the Iowa Alumni Association held its annual banquet in our chapter house. Tables were set for sixty. Ten men were down from Ames, nine from Des Moines, besides the actives from our own chapter. A five-course dinner was served to those present, this being interspersed with some good old Alpha Tau songs between courses. After the banquet was served the whole company went to the gymnasium to a basketball game between Simpson-Highland Park. While up there the tables were cleared, and then they returned and all had a general good time in singing songs and in other pastimes.

The athletic monograms were given out this week, and eight Taus received "S's" out of fourteen. In basketball we have one regular on the team, Slocum. The prospects are good for Wilson, the star forward and track man, to enter school next semester.

Pote, one of our last year's pledges, was elected manager of the Male Glee Club, and has been recently elected to go to the coast to arrange for a western trip that will take most of the summer. This trip for the clubs, both for the male and ladies' clubs, will take some forty members. They will have a private car, and be gone most of the summer, singing every night.

Walter Stubbs was elected Worthy Master at our last meeting. Anderson, ex-Worthy Master, was elected as the delegate to the conclave, and Stubbs as alternate.

JAY C. COLBURN.

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#### IOWA STATE.

The close of the first semester finds Gamma Upsilon in a very prosperous state of affairs, both in chapter numbers and in finances. Including pledges, we have a chapter of thirty members, a larger chapter than we have ever had before. We regret very much that we lose J. C. Sterret, who has been a member of this chapter the past four years. He will receive his degree in forestry and will go at once to Raymond, Washington, where he has been offered a position with the Willopa Lumber Company.

Hoyt was a member of the apple judging team which represented this school in the National Apple Show contest held at Lincoln, Nebraska. This honor entitles him to an "A." Captain Arp has been doing good work with his freshman basketball team which bids fair to win the class honors. Roland has a regular position on the *Student* staff and is making

good. Schreiber is having great success as editor-in-chief of the *Iowa Engineer*. Salzman is playing with the sophomore basketball team.

This chapter was very royally entertained by the Beta Alpha Taus at Indianola on January 16th in celebrating the opening of their fine new home. It also served as the annual gathering of the Ames and Simpson chapters, together with the Des Moines Alumni Association. About fifteen men from this chapter were present. Jordan, of Des Moines, very capably performed the duties of toastmaster. Anderson, of the Simpson chapter, welcomed the visitors and Wood, of this chapter, responded. The whole affair was a great success, very much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Two of our old men, G. C. Caywood and Malcolm Blinks, return to school this semester to take up their work again. Blinks has been with the Navy for the past two years and a half. Caywood has been out of school for one year.

H. C. HOSTETTER.

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#### MINNESOTA.

Gammu Nu has been passing through a very successful portion of its career for the last three months. There are several representatives participating in university activities. Among these names may be mentioned that of Captain Spink, of the track team, who has started to round his men into shape for the coming track season; Lawler, who is busy on the basketball team; Townley, on the hockey squad, and Cole, on the staff of the *Minnesota Daily*. Clifford Blanchard has recently been elected to the *Minnehaha* board, and Warren Dunnell is running for managing editor of the *Minnesota Gopher*. Bettridge is on the crack squad and rifle team and is shooting remarkably well.

For the present a halt has been called in the social activities of the chapter because of the final examinations. All, however, will down these "biannual evils" and proceed as before in the active and social chapter life.

HAROLD SELL.

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#### MISSOURI.

The present writing finds us all zealously at work preparing for final examinations. The scholarship of the chapter this year promises to be better than ever before, although we tied for third place among the fourteen fraternities here last year.

Carlisle R. Wilson, captain of the 1913 football team, was selected unanimously for the position of all-Missouri-Valley Conference gridiron center and was given the additional honor of being chosen captain of the mythical eleven. At a recent student election, he was made president of the freshman class of the school of law of the university. Just preceding the Christmas holidays, Rasse and Martin passed the State bar examinations and were admitted to the bar. Rasse will be graduated



from the university next year and Martin will get a degree this year. Just after Christmas vacation, we pledged William Houx, a very promising freshman from Kansas City.

The new chapter house is now completed. We have been living in our new home more than two months. We have had recent visits from E. J. Deal, Stockton Fountain and Beverly DeVinna. Numerous parents and well-known speakers from all over the country, attracted by farmers' week, have been entertained.

Woods, Wilson and Garanflo will attend the biennial conclave of Province III at Boulder, Colorado, February 6th and 7th. L. W. Coleman, PALM correspondent this year, left the university just after the Christmas vacation and will not return this year. Josef F. Pfeiffer, of Illinois Gamma Zeta, who matriculated in the school of journalism this year, will not return to school. Hutsell, who has run the quarter and track mile on the track team for the last two years, will add the low hurdles to his races this year. There being no low hurdlers in school, the coaches have decided to make one and Hutsell is their choice.

THOMAS S. HUDSON.

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#### KANSAS.

The new year has found Gamma Mu in a very prosperous condition. The scholastic standing is above the average and out of a membership of twenty-five, including pledges, there is not a single flunk. Gamma Mu is putting in some hard study in preparation for the semiannual quizzes the first week in February.

A new system has been inaugurated to keep in touch with the alumni. Four letters will be sent out during the year containing all items of interest regarding alumni who have visited Gamma Mu, the social functions and when they are to take place, the position in university activities, and all other items of general interest. Two letters have already been sent out and have met with most hearty appreciation from the alumni. Some time in May there is to be published a fraternity newspaper. A regular staff of editors and reporters has been appointed and are now on the lookout for good news items. One edition will be sent to every alumni member.

Basketball season is well under way. Edward Van der Vries represents A. T. O. as regular forward on the varsity. Faust made the college team. Robert Reid, '07, was a guest of Gamma Mu on January 15th. He is very active in the Kansas City Alumni Association. Leo Smith, of Miami, Florida, was pledged by Gamma Mu this month. He is a sophomore in the engineering school.

GUY L. WALDO.

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#### NEBRASKA.

Gamma Theta has probably never been in a more flourishing condition than at this time. We still retain more than our share of school



honors. In athletics we were represented by Coffee and Griswold on the squad of Nebraska's all-victorious football team, which was coached by "Jumbo" Stiehm (Gamma Tau), and managed by Reed, of this chapter. At the present time Hanzlik, Coffee, Schumacher, Maxwell and Allen are working out on the basketball team. Trimble is editor-in-chief of the *Cornhusker*, the college annual, and associate editor of the *Augwan*; Zumwinkel is manager of junior athletics; Noble is on the debating squad; Harley Brown is on the cross-country team, and we are well represented in every other minor organization.

We are now making active preparations for our biannual formal party which is to be held February 20, 1914. We hope to make this party do justice to our reputation around school for giving excellent parties.

TOM NEIGHBORS.

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#### WYOMING.

One brother and two of our pledges are on the varsity basketball team; three men are in the cast for the Tri Delt play, and four of the brothers are going out for the college debating team. A University Y. M. C. A. Gospel team, which made a trip to the western part of the State, consisted of four A. T. O.'s, Bancroft, Hitchcock, Laughlin and Davis.

Just at present ten of the upper classmen are planning to attend the province conclave at Boulder and Denver.

Considerable interest is being taken in the registration of the second semester, for which a number of new students are expected to enroll. Within a month our nine remaining pledges, all of whom have completed the necessary college requirements, are to be initiated.

From all standpoints the chapter is meeting with success, and with the celebration of its first birthday in March, a most profitable year will have been completed.

EDGAR H. DAVIS.

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#### PROVINCE IV

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##### MAINE.

Beta Upsilon has had a very good half year and starts the spring semester with every prospect of continued success. We fared well in the rushing season of last fall and obtained our quota of good men, all of whom have proved themselves to be of the right mettle.

In college activities A. T. O. is, as usual, well represented. Baker, '15, and Tipping, '14, won their "M" on the championship football team of last fall. At the close of the season, Baker, who has been all-Maine center for three years, was elected to lead the 1914 football team. He has been a hard and consistent worker and a conscientious trainer and should make a fine captain.

O'Rourke, '16; Drake, '17, and Van Dyke, '17, won their numerals in the annual freshman-sophomore football game. Mathews, '16, won his numerals in the freshman-sophomore baseball series. Burke, '16, was manager of his class baseball team. McCobb, '17, and York, '17, won their numerals in the freshman-sophomore class track meet. McCobb looks like good material for the varsity relay team, besides being of varsity caliber for track next spring.

At the fall election of the Athletic Association, Curtis, '16, was elected assistant manager of varsity football, and Burke, '16, was elected assistant manager of varsity baseball. Clark, '15, was elected manager of varsity tennis. Clark is working hard in his position as editor-in-chief of the 1915 *Prism*. He was also recently elected editor-in-chief of the *Campus*.

Arrangements have been made for repairs throughout the house. The smoking room, parlor and halls are to be repapered and painted at once, and funds are being solicited from alumni for enlarging the dining room which is at present slightly crowded.

Recent visitors at the house were Ames, '05; Houghton, ex-'11; Burgess, '13; Ayer, '13; Carleton, '13; Amadon, '13; McAlary, '13; Titcomb, ex-'16, and Cootle, ex-'16.

EARL C. GOODWIN.

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### COLBY.

Our chapter now numbers thirty-seven, as all of our freshmen, excepting Brunelle, Nutter and Dunn, have been initiated since our last letter. On December 5th the active chapter, together with a large number of alumni, went to the Augusta House at Augusta, where the annual initiation banquet of this chapter was held. After a sumptuous feast, Knight, '14, acted in the capacity of toastmaster and six toasts were responded to. Delegates were present from chapters at Worcester, Maine and Tufts. In addition to these Province Chief Macomber was present and enlivened us with his presence and one of his usual breezy talks.

During the Thanksgiving recess many of the fellows remained in Waterville and a very pleasant house party was enjoyed by them. At the close of the fall term, December 19th, we gave our annual Christmas dance at the Taconnet Club House, at which about twenty-five couples were present.

In college activities this winter we have been fairly well represented. On the Glee Club we have four men, Haskell, '14; Wheldon, '17; Brunelle, '17, and Stevens, '17. Dyer and Campbell, both of '15, have made the Murray prize debating team; Dyer has also been chosen to coach the Good Will High School debating team, and Campbell has been chosen to coach the Hebron Academy debating team. Gillmore and Riley have been elected to the honorary society of Mystics, '16. Marriner and Stevens have been elected to the freshman honorary society, Upsilon

Beta. Thompson and Mills have been elected to the junior honorary society of Druids. On the Dramatic Club we are represented by three men, Rand, '15; Gillmore, '16, and Pottle, '17. This winter we have organized a fraternity basketball team, which enjoys the record of not having lost a game thus far. Among the recent visitors at the fraternity house were Shesong, '13; P. L. Hussey, '13; George Putnam, ex-'16; Crawford A. Treat, ex-'15, and Dr. F. L. Tozier, '94.

H. S. CAMPBELL.

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M. I. T.

Midyear examinations at the institute are now a thing of the past and the brothers are taking a short vacation, either here or at home, before taking up the work of the new term. The Electrical Engineering Society of the institute has gone on its midyear trip, taking in New York City and some New Jersey power plants. Mason and Barns, two seniors, are taking the trip.

On December 16th a number of the brothers took in the midwinter concert of the Combined Musical Clubs. The concert lasted till 9.30 o'clock and was followed by dancing until 2 A. M. Moorhouse, Mason, Marine and Simmons represented the house in the concert.

Early last month the Massachusetts Alumni Association held a reunion at the Hotel Victoria. The entire chapter attended in a body, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. An informal speech by the Worthy Grand Chaplain, Bishop John W. Hamilton, and appropriate remarks by Williams and Sletten, of the alumni association, closed the evening. The chapter appreciates such opportunities to get acquainted with the alumni.

Curtis, one of the fastest track men in the institute, has been forced to drop out for the indoor season on account of a case of blood poisoning in his foot. Wood has been on the sick list, too, having been hit with a hockey puck which broke his jaw in two places, forcing him to remain out of school during the examination period. Farnsworth has been elected to the Athletic Association from the freshman class. Several alumni and active brothers have visited the house recently, among them being O'Brien, of Colby; Smith, of Cornell; Baker, of Wooster; Fish, Randolph, Reilly and Moore. George R. Randolph, '16, has been forced to withdraw from school on account of ill health.

PAUL H. BUXTON.

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TUFTS.

Our annual initiation banquet was extremely successful, welcoming into our fold six freshmen and four sophomores. There were several alumni back, while many of those who could not come had entered into the spirit of the occasion by having contributed for a gold watch which was presented to Bennett, Gamma Beta's greatest athlete, and who is also an



excellent student. Pratt, of Brown; Buxton, of M. I. T.; Gaylord, of Vermont; O'Brien, of Colby, and Farnsworth, of Worcester Tech, represented their respective chapters.

The midyear examinations have come and gone, rather more peacefully than in the past; none of us flunked out because of them, although we lost Buckley at the December meeting of the faculty.

Three of the four pledged men at the time of the last issue have been initiated, making twenty-three the total number of active men in this chapter at present.

Thorndike, ex-'15, drops in quite often and we hope that all of you who come near Boston will come in and see us. E. B. STOWELL.

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### WORCESTER TECH.

Midyears are over and the ranks of Gamma Sigma are still intact, although several of the brothers received conditions. However, it is hoped that these few conditions will be removed before the end of the new semester.

Shortly before Christmas Garnsey was operated on for appendicitis, but is now with us again, taking a special course.

At the recent election of officers of the sophomore class, Stone was elected president. Both Fritch and Darling are shooting regularly on the rifle team, the latter being captain of the team. Waite, Haselton, Dunbar, Bird, Wright and Bailey are all members of the cast of the annual Tech show, which is to be produced March 27th and 28th. Thurston is advertising manager for the show and Dunbar is his assistant.

On the Sunday before the Christmas holidays, we held our annual Christmas dinner at the house, and many of our alumni were present. January 7th was the date on which we held a very successful smoker. About seventy were present and Dr. Ira N. Hollis, president of the college, was the speaker of the evening.

Since our last letter we have sent delegates to initiation banquets at Brown, Tufts and Colby. In every instance our delegate reported a very flourishing condition of the chapter, whose banquet he attended.

We are still often favored with visits from Alpha Taus of other chapters, as well as our own alumni, but once again we extend an invitation to all the brothers to visit us whenever possible. D. W. ORMSBEE.

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### BROWN.

During the last two weeks, members of Gamma Delta have been tussling with midyear examinations. We are glad to announce that it will not be necessary for any of the brothers to leave college because of "flunking."



Since basketball was abolished at Brown two years ago, this season of the year is rather quiet regarding athletics. Brown's track team is working hard at present for the coming events. Gamma Delta is represented on it by Black, '17, who is doing excellent work in the mile; Murphy, '16, also looks promising in the relays. Tewhill, '14, is doing well on the wrestling team.

Roller, '16, who left Brown and Gamma Delta two months ago, is resuming his studies at the University of Missouri, and has affiliated there with Gamma Rho. Gamma Delta wishes him success in his work.

Directly following the examinations a goodly delegation from Gamma Delta were entertained at a party given by one of Providence's foremost "debutantes." Murphy's piano playing and Levin's elocutional readings were features of the evening's entertainment.

We recently had a visit from Harold R. Curtis, '09. Here we would like to say that Gamma Delta would like to see more of her alumni. Just at this time, when our chapter house fund is growing so rapidly, largely through the efforts of you alumni, we, as active members of the chapter, feel that we should be on more intimate terms with you. Come up and see us as often as you can! You will always be welcome, and we are sure we can make you feel at home.

C. S. PHELPS.

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#### VERMONT.

Beta Zeta had her annual formal dance in the Hotel Van Ness roof garden, December 19th. The chaperons were Tupper and Page and their wives. Fuller left college at the Christmas recess and is now in a business college in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Province Chief Macomber visited us during the month and gave us many useful pointers. The Saturday night he was with us was alumni night and during the evening plans for a house fund were discussed. We are in the midst of our mid-year examinations and most of the brothers are quite confident of passing.

We have six men, Bean, Fitch, Healey, Sanders, Sykes and Wallis in the play, "Just Out of College," to be presented by the Wig and Buskin Society on February 12th. Bean plays the leading role. Wood and French made the college Glee Club.

HAROLD P. GAYLORD.

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#### PROVINCE V

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#### ST. LAWRENCE.

Alpha Omicron as formerly holds its share of the college honors this year. Canfield, '14, is captain of varsity basketball with Griswold and Wheeler playing regular positions and McGinnis on the varsity scrub. Hutchins is trying out for assistant manager. Dexter is manager of

baseball and manager of interscholastic. Kinney is captain of the track team. Cheritree has been appointed manager of football, while Hutchins has been unanimously elected captain of next year's football team. Cramer, Slocum and Moore are members of the college orchestra. Scribner is managing editor of the college weekly and Oatman is on the editorial staff. Canfield is editor-in-chief of the *Laurentian*, the alumni monthly magazine, with Scribner first assistant editor. Benjamin is working out for assistant manager of baseball, is a member of the Honor Court and chairman of the daily newspaper committee of the Press Association. Hanmer is a member of the smoker committee. On November 25th the chapter gave a formal house party. The guests arrived at 5.30 in the afternoon and at 6.30 dinner was served. Dancing was then started and continued until 11 o'clock.

On two different chapter nights the juniors and seniors have given feeds. Another night the juniors have entertained the juniors of Beta Theta Pi. Among the recent alumni visitors to the chapter have been the following: R. G. Vilas, '13; H. A. Vilas, '13; H. F. Landon, '13; D. E. Timmerman, '12, G. C. Terry, '07; M. C. O'Brien, '09, and C. W. Bird, '10.

H. L. SUTTON.

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#### CORNELL.

Beta Theta having just finished a most successful term of the scholastic year, is now prepared to start the second term with a rush, hoping thereby to show up favorably in the numerous activities that come with the spring.

In athletics we are represented at present by Jandorf, guard on the varsity basketball team, and by Austin and Howard, who are on the second squad. Hall, one of our pledge men, has a regular position on the lacrosse team, and Thomas is working regularly with the track candidates.

McHose, Pope, C. O. Smith and Hicks were with the musical clubs on their extended trip during the Christmas holidays. In the Masque operetta, "The Gondoliers," to be produced during junior week, we have Loos playing a cast part and Bryne and VanDyk in the chorus.

White has been appointed chairman of the freshman advisory committee, to which he and Kelleran were elected in the early part of the year, while elections to honorary societies have placed Jandorf in Mabrique and Maerker in L'Ogive.

Demarest, '13, has been with us for the latter part of the term to finish up his work and secure a degree; Kleinert, of last year's freshman football team, who has been out for the first part of the year, expects to be with us again for the coming term.

HENRY B. LOOS.

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#### MUHLENBERG.

The mere fact that, owing to freshmen rushing regulations, Alpha Iota is among the last to report her pledges, only makes the job the more

pleasant, and we feel that the little adage, "He who laughs last, laughs best," would not be misapplied in this case, as a glance over the following list will show, and we only wish that you could meet the new bunch:

Schoenly, '17, a member of the Glee Club; Hummel, '17, Glee Club; Schout, '17; Keck, '17, class football and basketball; Hartzel, '17; Frederick, '17, class football and basketball; Berry, '17, varsity fullback and freshman class president; Hayes, '17, varsity football end and varsity basketball squad; Sheets, '17, class football; Blair, '17, Glee Club, varsity football squad, class football and basketball; Hollenbaugh, '16, football squad and basketball squad; Gebert, '17, class basketball; and Freihofer, '15, assistant manager of the Glee Club and *Ciarla* business manager.

We have pledged the most homogeneous, representative and ablest crowd of men that has entered our chapter for years.

The Glee Club season is in full swing, doing up an itinerary of twenty-two cities, from Philadelphia to Buffalo, and we are represented by H. Fry as business manager; Freihofer as assistant business manager; D. Marks as assistant leader, and Cook as president. Laury, Boyle and Reisner, in addition to the pledges Hummel, Schoenly and Blair, are also members. Reisner, Marks and Boyle are on the quartet. Harold K. Marks, '07, is the director of the club. On the *Muhlenberg* staff we have Laury as the personal editor, and Snyder as the literary editor. Stolzenbach is editor of the year book, the *Ciarla*; Keiter is an associate editor; Freihofer, Reisner and Merkle are the business managers, and Laury and Kaufman are the artists. Unangst and Stolzenbach are members of the Student Council. Keiter won the short-story contest, which was open to all the students of the college. Snyder is the *Muhlenberg* representative of the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Oratorical Union, and is secretary of the organization. In basketball we are represented by Ritter, center; Afflerbach, forward, and Witmer, Hayes and Hollenbaugh are on the squad.

HENRY J. FRY.

#### WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

The new year finds Alpha Pi comfortably established in her new home. The varsity basketball schedule has started. Washington and Jefferson won the opening game with Penn State.

The annual Pan-Hellenic dance was held January 23d at Trinity Hall. This event is one of the biggest social events of the college year. The eight fraternities each sent eight men, and many out-of-town girls were present.

Ward is associate editor of the junior year book. He is also manager of the Mandolin and Glee Clubs and has arranged a very good series of week-end trips in this corner of the state. The clubs are far above the ones of the last few years. Springer is captain of the track team. He



claims to have material for a better team than last year, although the loss of S. Springer and Crusan, the latter last year's captain, will be greatly felt.

We have had several pleasant visits from Tanner, Gladden, Hanson, Richey, Richardson, Hays, Kuder, Lane, Knox, McKee, Crusan, Mellin and Wallace.

T. E. McMILLAN.

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#### LEHIGH.

The first term is drawing to a close and the prospects are very bright for a good beginning of the second term. Norton left us on February 1st to take up work at the Connecticut Agricultural College. The scholastic standing of the chapter at present is very good. The brothers are all working very hard to pass the midyear examinations.

The outlook for the new house is very promising. Over five thousand dollars has been subscribed and we hope to raise the balance in the near future, so as to be able to begin work during the present year.

In athletics the chapter holds a fairly good position. The inter-fraternity bowling league has opened its season and the chapter has rolled two matches so far. W. C. Cahall is out for basketball and J. F. Hauser is trying for the wrestling team.

We have had pleasant visits from Wright, Fry, Perley, Afflerbach, Whitmer, Dietrich and Goll.

G. Y. CUSTER.

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#### GETTYSBURG.

Alpha Upsilon is at present enjoying one of the most pleasant and prosperous years of her existence. She has been well represented in all lines of athletic activities as well as in scholastic affairs. We have an active chapter of seventeen and three pledges yet to be initiated. Fred Leamy, of the preparatory department, has been pledged. He will enter college next fall.

Mahaffie, Sheffer and Myers are members of the varsity basketball team. Leathers, '13, is basketball coach. Sheffer has been elected captain of next year's football team. Miller, Thompson and Reed have earned places on the musical clubs.

On January 24th the Alpha Taus entertained at a Tango party held in the chapter house. The house was decorated with pine and presented a very pretty appearance. There was dancing from 4 to 8 P. M., after which a general good time was enjoyed.

There is already much talk among the fellows of holding a house party some time this summer. The place has not yet been decided upon, but will probably be Mt. Gretna or Pen-Mar. Alpha Upsilon held such an outing the first week of September, 1913, at Pen-Mar and it proved a great success. It afforded the brothers a chance to get a line on the new students, besides being a social benefit. Phillippy and Lang were recent visitors of the chapter.

J. CLYDE CASSIDY.



## PENN STATE.

With the close of the first semester and midyear examinations over, Gamma Omega finds herself in a flourishing condition. Scholastically the chapter has improved over the standing of last year. Crawford was recently elected to Tau Beta Pi. Sumner is leader of both the college band and the orchestra. Others in the musical organizations are Clapp, Crawford, Snyder, Powell and Thorn. In the Thespians, the college dramatic club, we have Miller and Dawson trying for positions. Miller had a principal part last year. Lamb is wrestling in the heavyweight class, having never yet been thrown. He is also a member of the varsity track team and has won his letter in football two consecutive years. Pickett is on the varsity wrestling squad and is a member of the varsity track team. Wunderly is manager of the 1916 basketball team. Bishop is on the varsity basketball team. Fair was on the freshman football team. Lewis is on the varsity track squad. Beginning Friday, February 20th, a week-end house party will be held which promises to be a good beginning socially. The following brothers have visited us: Richey (Gamma Kappa), Scheffer, Leathers and Mahaffey (Alpha Upsilon).

G. A. MCWREATH.

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PENNSYLVANIA.

Pennsylvania Tau enters upon the second semester with the loss of two active brothers, Litel and Prickett, and two affiliated brothers, Johnston and Caywood. All except Prickett have decided to discontinue further college work, while the latter will enroll in the engineering department of Lehigh University. We have compensated for this loss by pledging four men since the last chapter letter.

Williams is out for manager of the wrestling team, and survived the final trials for the varsity debating team. In basketball, Edmunds is starring on the freshman squad. As a tribute to his good work he has been elected captain. He is also a member of the Wharton School executive committee. Cook is playing with the basketball scrubs and his election as assistant manager of the gymnasium team has been ratified.

During the last few months we have enjoyed visits from Way, Corey, Williams, Lafean, Rynick, Shryeck, Thompson, Gawthrop, Fleming and Wilkes.

Jos. P. REFLOGLE.

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PROVINCE VI

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NORTH CAROLINA.

After having spent a very pleasant Christmas holiday, all the members of Alpha Delta are back and hard at work. The period of midyear examinations has just closed; and although the final results are not known, all the members hope and believe that they came out all right.

The time for midyear initiations is drawing apace, and although we have not a large list of freshmen, those whom we have are strong men. While we are not yet sure of these men, we are hoping for the best.

We were glad to have had a visit from Thomas Ruffin just before the Christmas holidays began. We were also glad to have had Fred Sutton with us during the dances.

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#### TRINITY.

Our rushing season which closed just before the holidays proved to be very fruitful, pledging five men, who are the best all-round men of the freshman class. The goats who will be initiated February 16th are Arthur McKinnon, Angus McKinnon, Ruff, Smoot and Durham. Ruff is president of his class, is on the Glee Club and is showing up good in track athletics.

In athletics we are still holding our own, Thorne, McKinnon, Carver and Brown making the basketball team. Brown is also the manager of the team. In baseball we will have at least four men on the squad and we are expecting great things from Durham on third base.

Carver, Brown and Thorne were initiated into the secret rights of the "Tombs" this year, a secret society of the junior class. Brown is president of the junior class.

We are very glad to be able to report that L. P. Howard has come to Durham as the pastor of the Memorial Church, and that we welcome him into our midst.

HENRY L. SHERROD.

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#### CHARLESTON.

Beta Xi has been, as usual, a great influence in all college activities this year. We are represented by three men on the basketball squad, Rivers, Stoney and Pinckney, the latter being captain. We have White, Middleton and Stoney on the college ball committee, and there are also many baseball stars awaiting the first call from the diamond. In fact, we are "right on the job."

But everything cannot be perfect. The chapter has suffered a great loss in the departure of Heyward and McIntosh. McIntosh was with us but a short month and Heyward left in search of work after Christmas. Both were valuable men and we will feel their absence throughout the year.

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#### WASHINGTON AND LEE.

An eventful period of accruing honors and distinctions has been experienced by Virginia Beta. Three leaderships of cotillions have fallen among us. Warren C. Brown was elected president of the interfraternity dance, and will lead the opening event of finals; Frank B.

Hayne was chosen to lead the junior prom, the first of the pre-Lenten dances, while J. D. Flowers was selected as first leader of the fancy dress ball, the largest and most pretentious pre-Lenten cotillion.

In the annual society elections, we were very fortunate. J. D. Flowers, H. M. Hayne and Reuben A. Lewis were elected to the "13 Club," thus gaining a greater number than any other fraternity. J. D. Flowers was initiated into "Sigma," the senior society, thus gaining a membership in every society.

H. E. Ulmer was chosen in competitive trials to represent Washington and Lee in the intercollegiate debate with North Carolina in Durham in the early spring. P. C. Buford has been pledged to the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. Reuben Lewis will edit the athletic section of the annual, the *Calyx*, while Bruce Woodruff will also be a member of the staff.

Harry K. Young, who starred on the gridiron, has been playing a phenomenal guard on the undefeated varsity quintet, while Jesse Wadsworth has been cavorting at center on the second team, the "Little Generals." With the approaching class basketball season, the freshmen elected J. Bonner Gladney manager of the verdant five and R. A. Lewis was chosen for a similar position by the sophomores.

With the waning of the basketball season, interest is focusing on the track. H. M. Hayne, captain of the cinder path artists, will be unable to begin training until March, having undergone a recent operation. Young and F. B. Hayne are conceded positions on the relay team, while Joe Dean is showing fine form in the 440 and the half-mile.

In the recent State club elections F. B. Hayne was elected president and J. J. Halbert vice president of the Mississippi Club; R. A. Lewis president, J. L. Dean, vice president and J. B. Wadsworth treasurer of the Alabama Club.

REUBEN A. LEWIS.

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## VIRGINIA.

We are still holding our own in college activities, for besides the large number of honors that have heretofore fallen to our lot, there comes another one, the recipient being one of this fall's initiates, A. D. Withers. He has been taken into the Lambda Pi honorary fraternity, which takes its pick from the academic and engineering departments.

Just before Christmas examinations there was a very noticeable lull in all social activities, it being rendered all the more acute by the change from the gayeties surrounding the Vanderbilt game and the conclave of Province VI. However, the winter Germans have ushered in a season of gayety once more.

Virginia Delta made a most informal bow to the college at large at an open soiree on Saturday, January 31st.

A. JAQUELIN TODD.



## PROVINCE VII

## MOUNT UNION.

By the time this issue of the PALM is out the Lamborn Science Hall will have been moved into. This change is to be rejoiced over by all the friends of the college, since it is a great improvement over the cramped laboratories of the old buildings.

Alpha Nu is represented on the varsity basketball team by pledge McClure, who holds down one of the forwards. Among the freshmen, Rickard, Richardson and Baugh are showing up well and should make good material for next year.

James is our representative on one of the debating teams. Contrary to the former custom of the college some insignia, probably a button, will be given to those who make the debating teams in the future.

The annual banquet of Alpha Nu will be held some time in March. Further notice will be given by the usual method.

During the past few months we have received visits from the following brothers: Wilson, Winn, Mouck, Carr, Johns, Baldwin Wallace, Schuyler Wallace, William Geiger, Siegrist, Church and Gerlock, of Ohio Beta Mu.

B. R. SROUT.

## WITTENBERG.

On the eve of the second semester prospects look very bright for Alpha Psi. In the scholarship group grades we will stand among the leaders, a position which we have not held for many years. We are holding our old prestige in basketball with Wearley as captain. P. Allen and W. Allen also represent us on the squad. Betschtel is manager of the freshman team and is playing star basketball.

On the evening of January 19th we banqueted at the Lagonda Club. The purpose was threefold: first, to honor the nine new initiates; second, as the annual meeting of the Chapter House Association, and lastly, to revive the spirit and fraternal ties among the alumni. There were about fifty present, including many of the alumni. Hanson responded to a toast as representative of the freshmen. The alumni who responded to toasts were Bretney, Downey, Judge Davis, Dr. Tom Phillips and Murry. Doctor Ness as toastmaster kept things stirring with good fellowship and true Alpha Tau spirit. The report of the Chapter House Association given by Professor McKinney showed Alpha Psi to be in the best financial condition in her history.

We were pleased and honored with a visit by the Province Chief, J. Paul Thompson, on January 10th and 11th. A little informal reception was given in his honor on the afternoon of the 11th. Among other visitors have been Robison, of Alpha Upsilon; Murry, of Beta Eta; Church and Ritchie, of Alpha Nu, and W. S. Pealer, of Alpha Psi.

J. VIRGIL CORY.



## OHIO WESLEYAN.

The first semester has just closed and Beta Eta has started on the home stretch of this year, which will be the finish of the race for a college education of at least three of our present number.

Morris S. Baker has re-entered school this semester and we are indeed glad to welcome him back. We are sorry, however, to have had one of our pledges, Richard Simkins, leave at the close of the first semester owing to ill health. All of our pledges passed their work very creditably and will be initiated on the night of February 20th. We secured another pledge at the beginning of the second semester, F. E. Peat, of Suining, West China.

Our college activities are as usual up to the old standard. McRae, Kapp, Fuller, Penn and Wiggins are on the varsity track team. Parks and Kapp are members of the Histrionic Club. Graham is on the *Bijou* board. Potts has been made a member of the university marshals, an organization which is for the express purpose of creating and maintaining a better college spirit in Ohio Wesleyan. Parks has just returned from a trip with the Glee Club. He is also a member of the Scrap Iron Quartet.

The conclave of Province VII will be held at Columbus on February 27th and 28th. A goodly number of the brothers are expecting to attend and are looking forward with great expectation to the royal time which Beta Omega is going to give us. McRae is our delegate.

We have been entertaining the past semester with small dinner parties on Friday evenings. We have also had the pleasure this semester of entertaining C. F. Stolzenbach and Doctor Jones, of Lima. Potts, Little, Metzger, Russel and Bulger have visited us since our last letter.

L. H. CARPENTER.

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WOOSTER.

Beta Mu is chiefly occupied at present with the question of examinations, but in a few weeks we hope more enjoyable functions will be claiming our attention.

Captain Finley is already making extensive plans for the opening of the baseball season.

Roderick and Finley, the president and vice president, respectively, of the Athletic Association, have charge of the biennial college minstrels, to be given in March.

The annual Pan-Hellenic banquet will be held in a couple of weeks, and although the number of Greeks in attendance will be small in comparison with former years, we are looking forward to a good time.

Last week we received a letter from Seattle, telling of the activities and social affairs of the brothers of Washington Gamma Pi.

We hope to have a number of Alpha Taus from Wooster at the province conclave at Columbus next month.

ROY W. MILLER.

## OHIO STATE.

Following the opening of the second semester of school, an initiation of men will be held. Examinations are not yet over, and, as all freshmen must pass their work creditably, the names of the initiates will not be announced until the next issue. The Pan-Hellenic Association has purchased a scholarship cup, to be given to the highest ranking fraternity, and Beta Omega hopes to win.

Culbertson, a sophomore, is one of the track finds of last year, and is expected to win his letter this year by his broad-jumping. Critchfield has been winning points consistently in the class meets and is developing fast.

Beta Omega's place at Ohio State is shown by the fact that she has the president and secretary of Sigma Delta Chi, the president of the junior class, a member of the Law Council, of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet, the manager of the Mandolin Club, a member of the junior social committee, the secretary of the *Lantern*, a man on each of the publication boards of the *Lantern* and *Sun Dial*, an associate editor of the *Lantern*, and a number of men who are members of student societies, from the local chapter.

In athletics she has regained her proper place for the first time in several years. On the freshman basketball and football teams of this school year, several pledges have won places and recognition.

As this is the last year that the faculty permits freshman pledging, the size of the chapter is a source of pleasure to the men. Plans have been drawn up for the new chapter house, and the contract is to be let soon. The location is ideal, in the best residence district. The securing of the site was fortunate, owing to the competition among fraternities for the few remaining desirable sites. The conclave will show Province VII that Beta Omega is a real, live chapter.

MELVIN RYDER.

## WESTERN RESERVE.

The initiation banquet in honor of our nine freshmen pledges was held at the Hotel Statler, February 21st and 23d, about fifty alumni being in attendance, in addition to the active chapter. Province Chief J. P. Thompson was among those present and spoke briefly. The university rushing rules stipulate that freshmen must pass their first semester's work before being initiated into any fraternity.

The chapter has entered a strong team in the Pan-Hellenic basketball league, for which Craig H. Richey, '10, has donated a silver trophy.

The university musical clubs, of which Walters, '14, is director, and of which Griffith, '16; Taubert, '15; Sunderland, '16; Carlson, '17; Young, '17, and Lewis, '17, are members, is to travel through the middle West during the Easter vacation.

Forty-five men were present at the annual Christmas dinner of the chapter held December 22d, among whom were DeBolt, of Wisconsin Gamma Tau, and Norwald, of Pennsylvania Tau.

M. B. SUNDERLAND.

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## PROVINCE VIII

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### KENTUCKY.

The chapter has recently initiated its freshmen for the college year. According to the Pan-Hellenic ruling, no pledge is eligible for membership until he has successfully completed one term of college work, one condition being allowed. Mu Iota has the pleasure to announce that all of its freshmen passed their work without condition. All of our six new men give great promise, both in fraternity and college work, and we covet for them a great future.

On February 20th and 21st, the anniversary celebration will be held. Great preparations are being made and a great session is expected. Many alumni will be present. On Friday evening the chapter will entertain with an informal dance at the chapter house. Saturday afternoon there will be a meeting of the Building Fund Association to consider the advisability of securing a site with the funds already on hand, a house to be built later. On Saturday evening a banquet will be given, and for those who have attended one of Mu Iota's anniversary banquets, nothing need be said.

H. TYLER WATTS.

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### SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN.

Alpha Tau entered upon the duties and privileges of the new year with greater zest than has been evident in the preceding years.

On January 17th the chapter called on Hon. Michael Savage, presenting him with a framed certificate of membership. A delightful buffet luncheon was served by Mrs. Savage. We have tried various plans of keeping in touch with our alumni. Unfortunately the same conditions exist here as in many chapters; *i. e.*, the initiates are usually out-of-town men. To keep in touch with these and interest them in the progress of their chapter has been a problem. If every chapter would wisely select a number of its distinguished alumni, tell them when the chapter intends to call and present them with a certificate of membership, which is furnished by the W. G. K. E., the occasion can be made one of lasting benefit to the chapter and alumnus. In that manner we have solved the local problem.

The Hon. Michael Savage was recently elected a director of the university from Tennessee, and W. L. Caldwell, of Nashville, as alternate. J. W. Faxon, of Chattanooga, was elected a visiting alumnus to confer



with the board of directors. Thus we are well represented on the board. On January 22d the chapters and its sisters entertained the senior class of the university and their lady friends. On Sunday, the 25th, the chapter called on D. B. White, of Indiana Gamma Omicron, who is the manager of the local Home Telephone Company, and a pleasant afternoon was spent in his delightful home.

Wardlaw is manager of the basketball team and has planned an extensive trip. Venable is on the team. Bosch is in the band. Buschgen and Bosch are in the Glee Club. Williams is president of both the sophomore class and the Washington Irving Literary Society.

A good business opportunity was presented to Doyle, who thereupon deemed it wise to withdraw from the university. We are sorry to lose him. R. N. Ward and H. B. Morris, of Tennessee Omega, assisted the Sewanee Glee Club in dispensing sweet harmony on its recent visit to Clarksville.

O. W. BUSCHGEN.

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#### VANDERBILT.

Intermediate examinations are occupying all the attention of Beta Pi at present and have been doing so for some time. Consequently there is little to report in the way of fraternity activities.

We are trying our best to win the scholarship cup offered by the faculty each year to the fraternity having the best averages for the year. We are right in the lead so far, and judging from the amount of "boning" going on, we stand an excellent chance of winning the trophy.

On the night of February 7th, our freshmen entertained the chapter and alumni with a smoker. We are endeavoring to get in closer touch with our alumni in order to promote interest in the Congress which is to be with us next year. We also wish to secure their co-operation in our plans for building a house. We have had a committee working on this matter for some time, and prospects for a house of our own are very bright.

Since our last report three of our men have left school. We have pledged one new man. He made his "V" on the varsity squad last fall, and shows every indication of a future football star. He was "spiked" at the beginning of the season, but held off for financial reasons.

The chapter is in good shape, and is taking an active part in all departments of university and fraternity life.

JAMES D. RIVES.

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#### UNION.

The midyear examinations are over with the chapter having made a good record—three brothers being conditioned only in one study each. We are working with them in order that they may remove these at once. And since some of the brothers made excellent grades, we consider that we have done well in scholarship.



Beta Tau continues to hold a prominent place in the affairs of Union. W. R. (Bode) Puryear is captain-elect of the football team and Edward ("Cy") Young is manager. Puryear is holding his regular place on the basketball team, and several brothers are playing with the scrubs. Morris is taking a prominent part in dramatics and was the leading character in the play given recently. He has also been selected as a contestant in the primary oratorical contest. Two brothers compose one of the two teams for the inter-society debate on Washington's Birthday.

We are making arrangements for our annual banquet which will be on February 28th. Several out-of-town alumni have made known their intentions of being with us. Bolling will be here. Boone, Gest, Cooper and Withers have recently met with us. The chapter has also spent a Sunday afternoon with Judge J. W. Ross (Tennessee Lambda), who has been appointed chancellor by the Governor of this state. We found him a loyal Alpha Tau and have conscripted him for a toast at our banquet.

D. T. HENDERSON.

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#### SEWANEE.

The year 1914 opened favorably for Tennessee Omega, and from all prospects it will be the most prosperous term the chapter has had for many years. The chapter came back from the Christmas holidays eighteen strong, and soon after their return initiated one member.

In scholarship A. T. O. continues to hold the lead in the university. When the results of the Christmas finals were published, three A. T. O.'s were among the honor men. H. B. Morris held the highest average in the college, with his brother, F. M. Morris, a close second. Ossman held fourth place in the honor roll. The balance of the chapter had good averages, and in the grand average, A. T. O. easily held first place among the fraternities.

In student activities the chapter maintains her prestige. Hinman is vice president and Schneider secretary of the Sewanee Literary Society. Ossman and Schneider are the business managers of the Sewanee *Purple*. Bratton, Bull and Ward hold the offices in the Sewanee Missionary Society. Ward and H. B. Morris are members of the Sewanee Glee Club. Ossman has been elected a member of Phradian Society. Foreman is secretary of the freshman class.

Baseball season is about to open, and there will be several A. T. O.'s out trying for the varsity. Ossman is manager of the team. The chapter is represented in the basketball league of the college, and has won all of her games so far played.

The interior of the chapter house has just been redecorated, and its appearance has been vastly improved.

GEORGE OSSMAN.

## TENNESSEE.

The active chapter, alumni and pledges enjoyed a banquet at the Imperial Hotel just before the university closed for the Christmas holidays. Thirty-five were present, of whom six or seven responded to toasts. We hope to give a dance soon, if the powers that be can be persuaded to let us have a date.

Several of the brothers have been elected to positions of much honor and responsibility in the student body. Farmer Kelly was elected captain of next year's team. Victor Klein was re-elected captain of this season's basketball team. Guy Powers, whose term as student member of the Athletic Council expires, will assume immediately the managership of the *Orange and White*, the university weekly.

Examinations, which mark the end of the "goating" period of the freshmen, began on January 23d. As soon as the results of the examination are made known, showing those eligible under the university regulations for initiation, the pledges will be taken in.

ARTHUR WHITAKER.

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PROVINCE IX

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## STANFORD.

Beta Psi is beginning the new semester with enthusiasm and this enthusiasm is already bringing in results. Last semester we were successful in college activities and in scholarship we tied for first place. The spirit with which the fellows have entered into things this spring leaves no doubt but that we shall be successful in activities, and there is no reason why we should not maintain our supremacy in scholarship as well. There are a few important changes in our personnel. Bartlett and Dickinson were unable to return this semester and we deeply regret their absence. To balance this loss we have four new men, Oliver Field, Val Dunlap, Samuel Evans and Herman Siefert. Besides these men we have two pledges who expect to enter next fall.

We are exceptionally well represented in athletics this spring. Holmes, Whiting, Speed and Field are out for crew. Harry Lachmund, Otto Lachmund and Uhler Hastings are doing well in track. Harkins is out for varsity baseball. In other activities we are equally well represented. E. Dunlap and Kilgaril are on the Glee Club. Dunlap has also made an important part in the junior opera. Whiting, Kilgaril, Val Dunlap and Evans are on the opera. Clute is a member of the Geology and Mining Society, the Mandolin Club, and is an assistant in the English Department. Warren Hastings is in the Electrical Engineering Society and Coberly has recently been initiated into the Mechanical Engineering Society.

BEN C. WILLIAMS.

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CALIFORNIA.

Gamma Iota opened the house after the Christmas holidays with twenty active men. So good a beginning certainly presages a successful term ahead of us.

We regret the loss of Lloyd Root, who has transferred to the University of Nevada, but we are glad to have MacMullen back again with us after having been away on a leave for a year and a half.

Now that the baseball season has opened we find ourselves well represented by Staunton, Easton, Harton and Sears. All four will probably make one of the teams.

Our scholarship record showed a decided improvement last semester, and we hope this term to raise our standard still higher. We are now requiring evidences of good scholarship of all new men before we pledge them.

WILLIAM S. RAINEY.

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OREGON.

Gamma Phi is arranging plans with the architect for a new \$10,000 chapter house, which is to be erected on a \$2,000 lot at the edge of the campus this spring. Our present location is too far off the campus and the life of the university, and the movement now on foot is the culmination of a long cherished wish to have a new home.

We have twenty men in the house at present and next semester we expect to have two or three of the old brothers back again. John Welch, varsity pitcher for two years, will return, and probably Chester Huggins, '15, holder of the coast indoor track record in the mile, will be back on the track squad. He is slated for the track captaincy. Richard Nelson, '17, left school during the football season with an attack of appendicitis, and he also is expected back and will be a strong contender for the baseball team. Vernon Motschenbacher, president of the student body, and catcher on the team last year, is again out for his old position. Walter Kirk, '16, will try for the outfield. Ernest Williams, '17, of Independence, just pledged, is a strong infielder. Earl Blackaby, '15, is a promising distance man, and so is Dick Onthank, '16. Brotherton is managing editor of the *Emerald*, the triweekly, and Simpkins is a good debater. Earl Blackaby is news editor of the *Emerald*, Fred Dunbar is sporting editor and Roger Moe is a reporter. Clarence Ash, city editor last year, is reporting on the *Morning Register*, a downtown paper.

Carl Naylor, '17, and Ralph Ash, '17, have made the Dramatic Club, and R. Ash is also a member of the university orchestra, and had a prominent part in the last play. Jerry Martin, '14, also had a leading part.

The final examinations are now settling their gloom over the campus, and as soon as the freshmen are put through their paces, they will be initiated.



A formal dance was held at the Country Club, January 10th, and Gamma Phi was well complimented on the entertainment.

In all the student body activities the men of the chapter have taken a leading part this year, and have worked hard to uphold the honors of previous years. The brothers are working together in splendid harmony and a splendid Alpha Tau spirit prevails among us.

CLARENCE E. ASH.

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#### WASHINGTON STATE.

The beginning of the new year finds Gamma Chi prosperous and happy. The chapter house is full and the scholarship of the brothers stands high among the various fraternities.

The freshmen are beginning to feel something of the true worth of fraternity life and eight of them are looking forward with some trepidation to one whole week of a good healthy initiation about the middle of February. Not only are our new men a credit to the chapter, but they are also rapidly gaining the recognition of the students by their work in college activities. Glover is a member of this year's basketball team and is playing a sensational game. Browder is a member of the college band and orchestra. D. J. McCormick sustained well a heavy character part in a recent production of "The Man From Home." Travers is a member of the college rifle team and is shooting a consistently high average. Recently in a competitive rifle shoot between all the clubs and the fraternities of the college, A. T. O. won the championship and, incidentally, a beautiful silver cup as a trophy.

All but one of the brothers will remain for the second semester's work, Whetzel being the only one to leave. He is an accomplished pianist and has accepted a position in one of the leading theaters of Spokane. Applequist and Schuneman were recently initiated into the Honorary Mining Society. Alumni C. J. Cooil, M. P. Brislawn, F. R. Smith, J. W. Shields and M. Rucker visited us recently.

The bunch is active socially. Besides several informal parties given already this year, we are planning a formal dance to be given early in the spring. Since our last letter, there has occurred the first death in Gamma Chi. Dana Murdock died in Baltimore in November and was buried in Pullman, the local chapter having charge of the obsequies.

MARK G. BRISLAWN.

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#### WASHINGTON.

Frankland is back in college and will take his old place at No. 2 on the varsity crew. Wassard has also returned after a three years' absence. We now have twenty-seven active men and five pledges, making the largest number of men the chapter has ever had.



"Dutch" Schreuder is playing forward on the varsity basketball team, while Smith, Berlin, Lamb and Ayres are trying out for wrestling. Ebright is turning out for coxswain, and Stewart, who is also turning out for crew, ought to make his letter this year. When the first call for track comes, there will be a number of the brothers who will make the track team. Roy Fox and George Hall are quarter-milers with high school records, while Gray and Gwyn ought to place in the sprints.

During the holidays the brothers who remained in town gave an informal dance at the chapter house. On February 6th we held our midwinter informal dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Forty-five couple were present, including many of our downtown alumni. On February 14th the ninth annual banquet under the auspices of the Western Washington Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega was held at the Lincoln Hotel. Sixty-five Alpha Taus were present and the affair was pronounced the most successful banquet ever held in Seattle.

The organization of a Pan-Hellenic League at Washington is still up in the air, but by spring the fraternities hope to have a perfected organization. President Landes, our new president, is in favor of placing fraternity houses on the campus. If such action should be taken in the near future, Gamma Pi hopes to be among the first of the fraternities to move on the campus.

ROSCOE S. PARKER.

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### GETTYSBURG HOUSE BURNS.

As this form goes to press, we learn of the fire which destroyed the Gettysburg chapter house on Saturday, February 21, 1914. Further particulars in June PALM.

## In Memoriam

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DANA BRANNON MURDOCK.

(Washington Gamma Chi.)

Initiated 1912; Died November 28, 1913.

*Requiescat in pace.*

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DANA B. MURDOCK.

On Thanksgiving morning, November 28, 1913, Dana Brannon Murdock died at Baltimore, Maryland, of an ulcer of the stomach. Immediate death resulted from a hemorrhage.

Murdock entered Washington State College, at Pullman, in 1906. He represented that institution in intercollegiate debate in his first, second and third years. As a freshman, he sang on the Glee Club, and in his senior year he was president of the leading debating society and editor of the college weekly, the *Evergreen*. He was a member of Washington Sigma, now Gamma Chi Chapter, and was later initiated into Alpha Tau Omega by that chapter. He was graduated from the department of economics and history in 1910.

In September, 1910, Mr. Murdock entered Harvard University as a fellow in the department of economics. During his second year there he became interested with social settlement work at the East End House in Boston. He did not return the third year to Cambridge, but instead took charge of the East End House, which, by the way, is one of the best known philanthropic institutions in the East. During the summer he conducted camps for boys in the White Mountains. In September, 1913, Murdock married Miss Isabella McRae, of the class of 1912, Washington State College. Shortly afterward he went to Baltimore to assume charge of the Warner House, of which he was head resident at the time of his premature death.

By his death Gamma Chi has lost her first member. She has indeed lost a noble friend. Always he was imbued with the spirit to help his fellows and aimed his life work to that devotion. The world has lost a sincere servant. Alpha Tau Omega has lost a worthy, courageous and faithful brother.

# The Directory

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The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was founded at Richmond, Va., on September 11, 1865. It was incorporated January 10, 1879, by and under the laws of the State of Maryland as "The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity of Baltimore City."

*Founders:* Otis A. Glazebrook, D. D., Captain Alfred Marshall (deceased) and Hon. Erskine M. Ross.

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## THE PROVINCES AND ACTIVE CHAPTERS.

### PROVINCE I—ALABAMA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, LOUISIANA AND TEXAS.

- E. A. Werner, *Province Chief*, W. Hunter and Mangum Sts., Atlanta, Ga.  
Ala. Alpha Epsilon (1879), Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala. Friday. W. E. Arnold, PALM Correspondent. W. E. Arnold, W. M.  
Ala. Beta Beta (1885), Southern University, Greensboro, Ala. Tuesday H. M. Mathews, PALM Correspondent. R. R. Morris, W. M.  
Ala. Beta Delta (1885), University of Alabama, A. T. O. House, 410 Queen City Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala. Saturday. J. A. Lusk, Jr., PALM Correspondent. S. P. Smith, W. M.  
Fla. Alpha Omega (1884), University of Florida, A. T. O. House, Gainesville, Fla. Tuesday. R. A. Henderson, PALM Correspondent. J. B. Sutton, W. M.  
Ga. Alpha Beta (1878), University of Georgia, 247 Prince Ave., Athens, Ga. Saturday. I. P. Cocke, Jr., PALM Correspondent, J. M. Lynch, W. M.  
Ga. Alpha Theta (1881), Emory College, Oxford, Ga. P. W. Quillian, PALM Correspondent. Joel B. Mallet, W. M.  
Ga. Alpha Zeta (1881), Mercer University, A. T. O. House, 102 Coleman Avenue, Macon, Ga. Thursday. John Boatright, PALM Correspondent. C. C. Hertwig, W. M.  
Ga. Beta Iota (1888), Georgia School of Technology, A. T. O. House, 76 East Linden Street, Atlanta, Ga. Saturday. L. P. Jay, PALM Correspondent. W. A. Emerson, W. M.  
La. Beta Epsilon (1887), Tulane University, A. T. O. House, New Orleans. La. Saturday, 2d and 4th. James K. Barr, PALM Correspondent. James K. Barr, W. M.  
Tex. Gamma Eta (1897), University of Texas, A. T. O. House, 2315 Nueces Street, Austin, Texas. Wednesday, 1st and 3d. H. W. Claiborne, PALM Correspondent. Jas. W. Nixon, Jr., W. M.

### PROVINCE II—ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN.

F. R. Bott, *Province Chief*, 610 Federal Street, Chicago, Ill.

- Ill. Gamma Zeta (1895), University of Illinois, A. T. O. House, 405 John Street, Champaign, Ill. Sunday. C. A. Hemphill, PALM Correspondent. W. M. Peeples, W. M.  
Ill. Gamma Xi (1904), University of Chicago, A. T. O. House, 923 East 60th Street, Chicago, Ill. Monday. Leo C. Hupp, PALM Correspondent. Erling H. Lunde, W. M.  
Ind. Gamma Gamma (1893), Rose Polytechnic Institute, A. T. O. House, 906 North Ninth Street, Terre Haute, Ind. Monday. Morris McKeever, PALM Correspondent. J. N. Compton, W. M.  
Ind. Gamma Omicron (1904), Purdue University, A. T. O. House, 201 Russel Street, Lafayette, Ind. Monday. J. R. Finn, PALM Correspondent. F. J. Wallheiser, W. M.  
Mich. Alpha Mu (1881), Adrian College, Adrian, Mich. Saturday Thomas Soule, PALM Correspondent. Harley Jennings, W. M.  
Mich. Beta Kappa (1888), Hillsdale College, A. T. O. House, 350 North West Street, Hillsdale, Mich. Tuesday. W. S. Harvey, PALM Correspondent. J. B. Sawdy, W. M.  
Mich. Beta Lambda (1888), University of Michigan, A. T. O. House, 1023 Oakland Avenue, Ann Arbor, Mich. Thursday. W. W. Slaght, PALM Correspondent. Kirk H. Porter, W. M.



Mich. Beta Omicron (1889), Albion College, A. T. O. House, Porter Street, Albion, Mich. Saturday. Harry J. Prall, PALM Correspondent. Paul Wiegman, W. M.

Wis. Gamma Tau (1907), University of Wisconsin, A. T. O. House, 619 Lake Street, Madison, Wis. Monday. John V. McKinney, PALM Correspondent. Charles T. Anderson, W. M.

PROVINCE III—COLORADO, IOWA, KANSAS, MINNESOTA,  
MISSOURI, NEBRASKA AND WYOMING.

George B. Drake, *Province Chief*, 307 Foster Bldg., Denver, Colo.

Colo. Gamma Lambda (1901), University of Colorado, A. T. O. House, 1229 University Avenue, Boulder, Colo. Monday. Paul B. Whitney, PALM Correspondent. F. F. Beverly, W. M.

Iowa Beta Alpha (1885), Simpson College, A. T. O. House, 802 W. Detroit Street, Indianola, Iowa. Thursday. Jay C. Colburn, PALM Correspondent. C. R. Anderson, W. M.

Iowa Gamma Upsilon (1908), Iowa State College, A. T. O. House, 803 Burnett Avenue, Ames, Iowa. Monday. H. C. Hostetter, PALM Correspondent. P. E. Wood, W. M.

Kansas Gamma Mu (1901), University of Kansas, A. T. O. House, 1633 Vermont Avenue, Lawrence, Kan. Monday. Leon Howe, PALM Correspondent. F. E. Fischer, W. M.

Minn. Gamma Nu (1902), University of Minnesota, A. T. O. House, 1018 Fourth Street, S. E., Minneapolis, Minn. Monday. Harold Sill, PALM Correspondent. H. W. Patton, W. M.

Mo. Gamma Rho (1906), University of Missouri, A. T. O. House, 216 Hitt Street, Columbia, Mo. Monday. Willbert Coleman, PALM Correspondent. Charles C. Woods, W. M.

Neb. Gamma Theta (1897), University of Nebraska, A. T. O. House, 2603 O Street, Lincoln, Neb. Monday. Louis Horne, PALM Correspondent. Harold Noble, W. M.

Wyo. Gamma Psi (1913), University of Wyoming, A. T. O. House, 200 South Tenth Street, Laramie, Wyo. ——— E. H. Davis, PALM Correspondent. Harry S. Rogers, W. M.

PROVINCE IV—MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND VERMONT.

Alex. Macomber, *Province Chief*, Room 616, 201 Devonshire St., Boston.

Maine Beta Upsilon (1891), University of Maine, A. T. O. House, North Main Street, Orono, Maine. Monday. John Falvey, PALM Correspondent. Chas. H. Tipping, W. M.

Maine Gamma Alpha (1892), Colby College, Waterville, Maine. Wednesday. H. S. Campbell, PALM Correspondent. H. A. Knight, W. M.

Mass. Beta Gamma (1885), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, A. T. O. House, 30 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. Monday. Frederick B. Barns, PALM Correspondent. Ralph C. Goeth, W. M.

Mass. Gamma Beta (1893), Tufts College, A. T. O. House, 134 Professors' Row, Tufts College, Mass. Monday. H. W. Burritt, PALM Correspondent. F. W. Porter, W. M.

Mass. Gamma Sigma (1906), Worcester Polytechnic Institute, A. T. O. House, 24 Institute Road, Worcester, Mass. Thursday. D. W. Ormsbee, PALM Correspondent. C. F. Fritch, W. M.

R. I. Gamma Delta (1894), Brown University, Room No. 16, Caswell Hall, Providence, R. I. Friday. Charles S. Phelps, PALM Correspondent. Charles S. Phelps, W. M.

Vt. Beta Zeta (1887), University of Vermont, A. T. O. House, 216 South Prospect Street, Burlington, Vt. Saturday. H. P. Gaylord, PALM Correspondent. F. S. Sykes, W. M.

## PROVINCE V—NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA

James S. Truman, *Province Chief*, Owega, Tioga County, N. Y.

- N. Y. Alpha Omicron (1882), St. Lawrence University, A. T. O. House, Canton, N. Y. Saturday. H. Sutton, PALM Correspondent. F. E. Dexter, W. M.
- N. Y. Beta Theta (1887), Cornell University, A. T. O. House, 625 University Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y. Saturday (every two weeks). H. B. Loos, PALM Correspondent. W. M. McHose, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Iota (1881), Muhlenberg College, A. T. O. House, 42 South Fourteenth St., Allentown, Pa. Tuesday. Henry J. Fry PALM Correspondent. Albert H. Skean, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Pi (1882), Washington and Jefferson College, A. T. O. House, 383 East Beau Street, Washington, Pa. Thursday. Robert H. McClellan, PALM Correspondent. J. R. Black, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Rho (1882), Lehigh University, A. T. O. House, 338 Wyandotte Street, South Bethlehem, Pa. Friday. G. Y. Custer, PALM Correspondent. J. W. Raine, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Upsilon (1882), Pennsylvania College, A. T. O. House, North Washington Street, Gettysburg, Pa. Saturday. J. Clyde Cassidy, PALM Correspondent. John C. Meyers, W. M.
- Penn. Gamma Omega (1914), Pennsylvania State College, A. T. O. House, State College, Pa. \_\_\_\_\_ G. A. McWreath, PALM Correspondent; D. A. Clapp, W. M.
- Penn. Tau (1881), University of Pennsylvania, A. T. O. House, 3614 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Tuesday. J. P. Replogle, PALM Correspondent. Louis A. Young, W. M.

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## FRATERNITY OBLIGATIONS.

For a dozen years or more, as treasurer or trustee, I have been responsible for the collection of house notes and other pledges of three organizations—two fraternities and one sorority. These duties have brought me various experiences, pleasant and otherwise, and have incidentally resulted in my collecting \$10,000 or so for the three organizations. As a remuneration for the expenditure of my time and effort I have been permitted to come into contact with various sorts of human nature, and I have learned much as to how fraternity men and women meet their obligations.

The notes which are given by members of fraternities at the University of Illinois are usually for ten dollars each and are ten in number, payable one each year for the ten years following the student's graduation. Sometimes only five of such notes are given. An illustration of the form of note drawn is given below.

CHAPTER HOUSE FUND

\$10.00

Champaign, Ill., ..... 19...

..... year.. after date I promise to pay to the order of  
THOMAS A. CLARK, Trustee of Chapter House Fund of.....

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of a Chapter House, and will be used for no other purpose.

(Name).....

Address:.....Street.....City.....State



Though I have never tried it, it is rather unlikely that these notes could be collected by process of law, and so they must be considered more as debts of honor than as legal obligations. Not many men, however, care to have such obligations put into the hands of an attorney, even if there is little likelihood of his being able to collect, and so I have found that some men who are otherwise reluctant or stubborn about paying will yield rather than have that matter tested. Men will tell me to try it if I think it will do any good, but at the same time they will pay rather than suffer the humiliation in their own towns of having it tried. Human nature is certainly a queer thing.

Of the three sets of notes which I hold and have made an effort to collect, two were for purposes of raising money to pay off a debt some time ago contracted, and the other set was to help meet the expenses of building a chapter house. The former I have found more difficult of collection than the latter, for the reason perhaps that there was a less tangible and visible object for raising the money. Paying for something that is already eaten up or burned or worn out is too much like paying for a dead horse. The house was an object of interest and pride, an object which the men could enjoy, and come back to, and for that reason, perhaps, they more readily put their money into it. My experiences were similar in each of the three cases; but to avoid confusion, my discussion and my illustrations will have to do with the collection of the money for the house fund.

To begin with the signing of these notes was entirely voluntary. Not all the men signed them, and no men lost caste or favor who refused to do so. In the majority of cases the first note came due within a year after the student's graduation. Even though the man at first drew a small salary, ten dollars a year could not be considered a very heavy assessment.

The work which I do in the attempt to collect these three series of notes is of course entirely gratuitous. There is no personal advantage to me in the collection of the money. It takes time and often time which I can very ill afford. I have never received in return what these collections have actually cost me, and I seldom get thanks, even, from the people whose interests I am trying to conserve. I have always felt that if I were willing to



work for nothing and pay a part of my own expenses that I am at least entitled to a courteous reply to the letters that I write, but whether I am or not I often receive none. I have written men regularly twice a year for ten years and have never received a word of reply—and these men were quite able to pay. I do not care so much what they write as that they say something. I should rather have an impertinent letter than none at all. If they do not intend to pay, if they have lost interest in the fraternity, if they have objections which they wish to make to the management of the organization, I welcome all these various points of view. If they are hard up, broke, going to be married, or going to pay in a month, or even if they think I am a swindler or a grafter, I am glad to know, for all these things give zest and variety to an otherwise monotonous task. It is this dead silence, like a freshman just before initiation, that gets on my nerves.

I have in mind one man who always answers my letters with a promise of payment in the near future. He has been doing this for years, and though he has never paid a cent, I like him for his courtesy. He is a gentleman if he is a liar, and I should a thousand times rather do business with him than with the fellow who having given his word ignores all communications advising him of his obligation.

The men who paid the most readily were not always the men who could do so with the least sacrifice. The man who was first to cancel his ten notes was a young fellow working for fifty dollars a month, who without notice from me paid the first five notes when they came due and then discounted the last five at five per cent. and took them all up.

The two men who have not yet paid a single note, though the entire ten are now past due, are prosperous fellows quite well able to meet these obligations easily. Neither of these men has ever acknowledged any one of the twenty or more letters which have been written them, but if they should do so and should analyze their reasons for not paying and should put them down in black and white, they would probably resolve themselves into two. In the first place, upon leaving college these men moved far away from the scenes of their undergraduate life. In the localities to which they went there were few college men and few associations

to remind them of the fraternity. Naturally, they thought less and less of college ties as time went on, and when the first letter came reminding them of the overdue obligation they neglected it, and thought no more of it, perhaps, until the notice of the second overdue note came. Now an obligation of ten dollars is not so hard to meet, even by one whose income is small and who is practicing economy, but when this sum grows to twenty dollars the strain upon the pocketbook is considerably more than twice as hard. To many young fellows the problem of meeting an unexpected financial obligation of twenty dollars seems so difficult of solution that he gives it up and thinks no more of the unpleasant business. When these delayed payments amount to thirty, fifty, or one hundred dollars, the idea of payment is unthinkable.

The second reason why men like the two I have mentioned do not pay is found, I believe, in the fact that they were taken into the fraternity late in their college course, never assumed, or possibly never were allowed to assume, any responsibility for its control and management, and so left college without much to tie them closely to the fellows left behind. The fraternity to them, seen in the widening perspective of the years that have intervened, seems little more than a boarding or lodging house in which they may have spent a few transient weeks. To send money to keep up such an institution seems to them a good deal like dropping it into a friendly rat hole.

The solution of the first of these difficulties lies with the man himself who should take his obligation to the fraternity seriously and who should meet it honestly and promptly as he would meet any other business or social obligation which he had assumed. The second difficulty can be met by the active chapter which should keep more closely and regularly in touch with its alumni than most chapters with which I am now acquainted keep, and which should make a constant and strong effort to get all of the old men back as frequently as possible. The chapter can help, also, in impressing upon the men while undergraduates their obligation to meet all their debts with promptness. The average fraternity man, if on account of his financial limitations he were called upon to choose between the alternative of attending a formal party or of paying his overdue chapter house note, would

seldom hesitate long in choosing the former course. Pleasure before business is too often his motto.

The excuses for non-payment which men give are interesting. As a rule I have found that the men who do not pay do not have the courtesy to offer an excuse, but simply ignore the obligation. The occasional man, however, having leisure and a stenographer offers an excuse. Some men hold that money paid by an alumnus to a fraternity, like one's annual contribution to the pastor's salary, is a gift, payment of which may be withheld to any time which may suit the mood or the convenience of the giver. He feels that his "I promise to pay" when given to the treasurer of his fraternity still leaves him free to keep his word or not as he chooses. He does not stop to think that the building of the chapter house was based upon the integrity of his written word, and that if he does not honestly meet his obligation the chapter is often seriously and even irreparably injured.

Marriage, I have found, is considered by most men an adequate excuse for failure to meet any financial obligation entered into before the marriage occurred. When a man entrenches himself behind a little family, he seems to feel safe from any arrows of financial obligations which may be hurled against him. Even an engagement is considered no mean excuse and makes the man immune from the effects of previous debts as vaccination protects him against smallpox. If there are children his fortress is invulnerable; nothing can effectively storm his financial citadel. More recently assumed obligations also are wont to take precedence of a chapter house note. The man who buys a farm, opens an office, goes into business, takes a trip to Europe, or spends money in any way, considers this a logical reason for not meeting his fraternity obligations. There are, of course, legitimate excuses, and these are generally offered and received in good faith. Even fraternity men suffer misfortunes, are compelled to meet unexpected situations, and fall victims to real hard luck; but they are honest and when the sun comes out and the financial sky brightens they come across with the ten dollars.

The men who never have to be notified, and their number is small, or who, if they forget, respond to the first call are the men who when in college amounted to something in the fraternity and



in the college. The really strong men in the active chapter are the dependable supporters after they go out into the world. There are of course exceptions to the rule, but as a general thing the men who, after they are out of college, meet their fraternity obligations regularly and willingly are the men who while in college did the greatest amount of hard work to make the fraternity what it ought to be. The fraternity notes with reference to which I have drawn these conclusions first came into my hands about twelve years ago, so that for many of the men the tenth note is now past due. As I look over the list of men whose obligations are met and who have paid up the entire series, I find few who were not as undergraduates a source of distinct strength to the chapter. They were the men who realized their obligations, who took responsibility, who stood for the best things for which the fraternity stands. They were the ones who gave to the fraternity the best that was in them and who therefore received from it the highest that it has to give. Recognizing, as they still do, what the fraternity has done for them they are still willing and anxious to help in its maintenance. The men who do not pay are, on the other hand, usually the ones to whom the fraternity meant little or nothing, and who mean little or nothing to it.

As to my methods of collection I have tried every sort of appeal. Sometimes I write a simple direct note like the following:

"Dear Brother Jones: This letter is simply to inform you that your fourth chapter house note for ten dollars (\$10.00) was due July 1st. As usual we need the money." Sometimes I try the persuasive power of broken furnaces, scaling paint, unpaid taxes, and summer loan dues. I have called to my aid often alumni more prominent than myself with the hope that through the influence of their position and personality the purse strings of the negligent alumnus might loosen. I have tried to reach them through the regular chapter letter; I have tried to touch their pride, their loyalty, their honor; I have even threatened at times, or dropped into irony, with about the same result in each case. Each sort of appeal touches some one, though no appeal that I have yet devised seems to be generally effective.

Last fall, when at our regular annual home-coming some twenty of the old fellows returned to see the big football game of



the year, I presented the case to them, and they all agreed that it was not creditable to the old guard. They passed some beautiful resolutions, got out a "hot" letter to the fellows who were back on their notes and all signed it. It was an interesting fact to note that though perhaps a dozen of the men who signed the resolutions and the letter were themselves behind in their payments, not one has sent in any money, and, so far as I can determine, not a dollar has come in as a direct result of the letter.

One who understands the job of making such collections as those which I am discussing may very well be thankful if he has a sense of humor; otherwise his temper may frequently be tried. I have been interested to note the attitude which the negligent alumnus often takes toward the unfortunate officer whose task it is to collect the money (usually at the expense of his own time and purse) for the fraternity. Not a few fellows have the same attitude apparently that they might have if he were asking them for a personal loan or a gratuity.

I have been asked often what percentage of these obligations I have been able to collect. This is a pretty difficult question to answer since no one can tell that an obligation is absolutely worthless until the one who made it is dead. Even in this seemingly hopeless situation one can never be quite sure, for occasionally relatives may have a greater sense of obligation than did the man himself when alive, and may come to the financial rescue. Every once in a while a man pays whom I have considered for years as hopeless, so that for me in this experience "Hope springs eternal." So far in the two cases in which the notes were given to raise money to meet a debt already contracted I have been successful in collecting in one case little more than fifty per cent. and in the other about seventy-five. In the case of the notes given to help build a chapter house I think I have already collected about eighty per cent. of the amounts due and may ultimately bring the percentage up to ninety. In this case the unexpected is always happening. The man comes back and sees the house, or his younger brother or his wife's cousin is starting to college, and, wanting to make good with the active chapter, he liquidates. Maybe he meets an old pal who stirs up his recollections of other days, or he strikes it lucky and has an unusually generous feeling. In any case some-

thing happens that makes him send in the ten or the twenty that gives me a sudden shock of surprise. It may be if I live long enough and the fellows who owe do not themselves die, I shall be able to collect it all. Here's hoping.

In the meantime I suppose that there are a good many unfortunates like myself throughout the country whose job it is to get fraternity men to meet their chapter obligations. To help them and me I believe the active chapters of fraternities may do a good deal. The active chapter should keep as closely as possible in touch with all the men who have gone out from it by means of frequent and detailed chapter letters.

Perhaps one of the reasons why I have not been more successful than I have been is because the number of letters which our alumni receive in which they are directly asked for money are so much in excess of the number of friendly or newsy letters which they receive from the chapter that they hesitate to open their correspondence for fear of receiving a dun. The condition is, however, not entirely my fault, for I have all that I can do to keep up the correspondence with regard to financial matters without entering largely into matters of gossip. I should be very glad, and more successful I have no doubt, if some one else would undertake regularly to look after the gossip.

Alumni should be urged regularly to visit the active chapter so that they may not lose interest in it or be ignorant of its affairs. The sooner the chapter gives its under classmen responsibility and develops their initiative and interest in chapter affairs the sooner these members can be depended upon to have a permanent and vital interest in the upbuilding of the chapter, and the more likely they will be when they leave the active chapter to meet their obligations to it.

THOMAS ARKLE CLARK.

## THE PROVINCE CONCLAVES.

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### FOURTH BIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE I. BUSINESS SESSIONS.

The delegates were called to order on February 12, 1914, at 9 A. M. at the Lyric Theatre, Gainesville, Florida, by Province Chief Werner. Brother Arnold (Alabama Alpha Epsilon) was appointed Worthy Sentinel and Brother Henderson (Florida Alpha Omega) Worthy Chaplain. The meeting was then opened and business conducted formally.

The roll call showed eight chapters with delegates present: J. B. Sutton, Florida Alpha Omega; W. H. Burt, Georgia Alpha Beta; T. M. Jones, Georgia Alpha Zeta; C. W. Segrest, Alabama Beta Delta; E. B. Means, Georgia Beta Iota; P. R. Bowers, Louisiana Beta Epsilon; W. E. Arnold, Alabama Alpha Epsilon; H. W. Peeples, Georgia Alpha Theta. Texas Gamma Eta and Alabama Beta Delta had not a delegate present, nor did they send any report or communication.

A committee on resolutions to next Congress was appointed by Province Chief Werner as follows: Means (Georgia Tech), Arnold (Auburn) and Segrest (Southern).

A letter from C. T. Reno of the PALM was read in re to an alumni correspondent of the PALM for each chapter to gather alumni notes. General discussion showed that all the chapters were ready to co-operate and a motion was passed that each chapter adopt Brother Reno's suggestion.

A communication from the Worthy Grand Chief was read relative to the condition of affairs in Province I and the possibility of splitting up the province. Four of Province I's chapters had failed to vote on the Delphi Club and had not properly filled out the form A. B. C. cards and the form E cards. A letter from Alpha Zeta showed that that chapter had straightened out the form A. B. C. cards. Chapters that had not voted on the Delphi Club were asked for explanations. Beta Delta claimed that the



matter had not come to the chapter's notice, possibly through the carelessness of the brother receiving the communication. Alpha Epsilon reported a vote and its transmission, as did Alpha Omega, Alpha Beta, Alpha Theta, Beta Iota and Beta Epsilon. Alpha Zeta's delegate had no information on the matter.

The temper of the conclave was distinctly against any proposed division of the province.

A reading of the amounts due the PALM and reports of the delegates as to action thereupon by their chapters revealed a good condition of affairs.

A committee on chapter house ownership and plans was appointed as follows: Bowers (Tulane), Sutton (Florida) and Burt (Georgia).

A discussion relative to laxity in the form E cards showed that chapter officers were generally remiss in this matter. Four of the cards were given to each delegate and the Province Chief thoroughly explained their use.

The chapters were admonished by the Province Chief to carefully keep up their card systems with accurate serial numbers.

A letter from the Worthy Grand Chief in re to anti-fraternity legislation and the condition at the University of Alabama. No delegate being present from that school, delegates from neighboring schools, the communications read, and the observations resulting from the Province Chief's visit there were the information relied upon. The Georgia legislature at its next meeting will discuss an anti-fraternity bill. The Alabama chapter shows the effect of not broadly considering the relation a fraternity should bear to the school and to the student body. Alabama is the only instance of such a kind in Province I. The Province Chief laid emphasis upon the fact that A. T. O. is essentially democratic in its ideals and aspirations.

The chapters promised early response to cards sent out in re to ownership of houses.

The reports of the various delegates followed and are given below, showing good conditions prevalent.

The motion was made and passed that the minutes of this conclave be published in pamphlet form and distributed to all the chapters of the fraternity.



The report of the committee on house ownership showed there was but one chapter house owner in the province; that it was financially much better to own even with an indebtedness than to rent; some system to enable ownership needed; the conclave should work toward some feasible system whereby the chapters could be financed in house building.

The Province Chief took up the individual chapter's financial methods and urgently recommended a standardized and logical method of bookkeeping. He had a set of books present which he advocated; personal account book for each member; cash book, and a strict checking account for all expenditures. An inquiry showed that where the system was in use, there were no troubles in accounting. All chapters agreed to conform their bookkeeping to this model before the first of March.

The committee on house ownership reported the following additional resolution: Be it resolved by the conclave of Province I, that at its next regular session it shall provide some loan fund out of which the individual chapters, after having sufficient funds in hand to warrant a loan, can borrow money for building chapter houses. Adoption was moved and carried.

An informal discussion followed in re to better aiding the freshmen.

The report on the proper regalia for the initiation ceremony: Alabama Alpha Epsilon—regalia, but in bad condition; Alabama Beta Beta—incomplete regalia; Florida Alpha Omricon—all but sashes, etc.; Georgia Beta Iota—not all; Georgia Alpha Omicron—entire equipment; Georgia Alpha Zeta—no sashes, but all other equipment; Louisiana Beta Epsilon—not complete.

Chapters were urged to procure all proper regalia for initiation ceremony.

Resolution was offered and adopted that chapters adhere more closely to the regalia in reference to the initiation ceremony as outlined in the constitution in order that the proper solemnity prevail.

Motion made and carried that Province Chief upon finding a chapter without proper regalia, fine said chapter to an amount within his discretion.

The visiting delegates gave a rising vote of thanks to the Florida Alpha Omega chapter for their entertainment and fraternal hospitality.

Brother Bowers (Tulane) extended an invitation to the chapters of Province I to hold the conclave next year at New Orleans. The invitation was accepted unanimously.

HARRY S. KLINGLER, JR.

#### SOCIAL FEATURES.

The annual conclave of Province I of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity began its second and last day on Friday with a business session at 9 A. M. at the Lyric Theatre. Dr. A. A. Murphree extended very cordial words of welcome. Province Chief E. A. Werner responded for A. T. O. Matters germane to Province I were then considered and necessary business transacted. Special attention was paid in the general discussion to the relation a fraternity should bear to the school and to the student body, and emphasis was laid upon the fact that A. T. O. is essentially democratic in its ideals and aspirations. The session was adjourned late in the afternoon with the executive's table cleared.

The conclave ball at the Elks' Club in the evening proved to be, perhaps, the most enjoyable social feature of the conclave. Over forty couples were present, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Street, Mr. and Mrs. Stringfellow, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Farr. Novel lighting arrangements and artistic effects in natural decorations furnished a charming background for the tango and the waltz. The grand march was led by Miss Elizabeth Taylor and Province Chief Werner.

Among the delegates in attendance to the conclave were Walter H. Burt, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia; T. M. Jones, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia; C. W. Segrest, Southern University, Greensboro, Alabama; E. B. Means, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia; P. R. Bowers, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana; W. E. Arnold, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Alabama; Harry W. Peeples, Emory College, Oxford, Georgia; E. A. Werner, Province Chief, Atlanta, Georgia.

Among the out-of-town visitors were E. Ferguson Householder, Sanford, Florida; W. H. Christian, Jr., Jacksonville, Florida; J. D.

Watkins and J. B. Watkins, Micanopy, Florida; Luther Mershon, Ocala, Florida; G. P. Garrett, Kissimmee, Florida.

The visiting ladies included Miss Elfreda Renfro, Miss Ada Knight, Miss Madeline Blalock, Jacksonville; Miss Catherine Tigner, Greenville, Georgia; Miss Eloise Bowyer, Tampa; Miss Tarbox, Chicago; Miss Annie Nichols, Kentucky.

The refreshments were in keeping with the elegant tone of the occasion. Music was furnished by a Jacksonville orchestra.

The members of the local chapter hostess to the conclave are: T. H. Smith, H. B. Carter, J. M. Tillman, H. L. McMullen, A. D. Campbell, P. H. Burnett, R. R. Taylor, Jr., T. P. Pruitt, F. B. Carter, Jr., L. B. Newman, J. L. Hearin, Ed. Wilson, C. C. Lidden, Jr., W. C. McNeil, H. S. Klingler, Jr., C. C. Chillingworth, J. E. Moore, Frank L. Holland, R. A. Henderson, Jr., W. Everett Street, A. P. Buie, J. B. Sutton.—*Newspaper Clipping.*



#### EIGHTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE II.

Michigan Beta Lambda entertained the eighth annual conclave of Province II in Ann Arbor, April 30th to May 2d. From the time the first of the visitors arrived until the last had departed from the banquet hall on the closing night, the affair was a pronounced success.

The delegates and most of the visitors arrived in Ann Arbor on Thursday evening, April 30th, and at 8.30 all convened at the chapter house where a smoker and general get-together party was under way. These first festivities were adjourned at rather an early hour to give the men a chance to shake the kinks of travel out of their systems and a rest to precede the rather more strenuous days to follow.

Business meetings were held Friday morning and afternoon, and that night the whole delegation was invited to attend a reception held at the home of Ulrich B. Philips, of Tulane, who is a professor in the History Department in the university.

Saturday, while sounding the death knell of the conclave, was also the crowning feature of the whole program. In the afternoon the brothers saw Michigan's baseball nine wallop Case's pride to the tune of 10-0, and the same afternoon saw Cornell's



track men run rings around the champs of the Michigan campus. After the ball game the bunch made a hurried exit to worry into boiled shirts, or rather the soft crinkly kind that has followed in the wake of the naughty dances, and hiked for the Michigan Central depot where a special car was chartered to take them to Detroit.

The banquet, ah! what a banquet it was! One that did not fail to tickle the palate and waken the interest of the most choleric, the most dyspeptic old alumnus, and filled the soul of every husky undergrad with joy. In the roof garden banquet hall of the Hotel Tuller, Detroit, sixty-odd places were laid, and the room was just comfortably filled.

The guests had scarcely been seated when an orchestra struck up a medley of popular hits, and a bevy of filmy robed ladies sang, danced and gamboled about the table while the blue points, soup and planked white fish appeased and vanished.

The appreciation of the female dancers was so apparent that the performers strayed on and sang and danced until their throats were raspy, and their French heels dragged. Not until the last cork had popped in the last quart of Mumm's were they permitted to leave.

The toasts that followed in the wake of the banquet were not the regular cut-and-dried underclass eulogies that so often feature the college banquet. They were all real talks straight from the lips of men who had carried the badge of our fraternity with them to achievement and honor.

H. R. Curtis, Brown Gamma Delta, and later affiliated with Beta Lambda, held down the seat of honor as toastmaster and helped to keep the ball rolling with added impetus by his New England wit and limitless fund and variety of "jokes, legal and illegal."

The speakers of the evening were Province Chief Bott, Beta Mu; Schoeffel, Beta Lambda; Professor Humphries, Beta Mu; Wilcox, Beta Lambda; Worthy Grand Chief Giffin, Alpha Omicron.

The speeches and celebration lasted until 1 A. M. when the banqueters made a rush for the "paper train," all firm in the conviction that the eighth conclave had been the best ever.



## FOURTH BIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE III.

## BUSINESS SESSIONS.

The business sessions of this convclave took place at Boulder, Colorado, on the afternoon and evening of the 5th of February, and the morning of the 6th. Even though the meeting place was on the western extremity of the province, when the time came for the first session it was found that there were seventeen active men present from other chapters other than that of Colorado Gamma Lambda, the host of the convclave. Visiting actives were: G. E. Garanfio and Charles C. Woods, Missouri Gamma Rho; E. C. Clark, Jr., Kansas Gamma Mu; L. B. Allen, Jr., Nebraska Gamma Theta; Norman Bennitt, Alfred R. Williams, F. S. Sutphin, O. D. Overton, W. A. Hitchcock and Ross L. Bancroft, Wyoming Gamma Psi.

A message was read from Worthy Grand Chief Giffin which was both instructive and entertaining, as Brother Giffin therein set forth certain features of chapter work which he desired to call to the attention of the chapters of this province; also setting out those matters which are having the attention of the national organization, and concluding his message with a well-written treatise on the ideals of a fraternity man.

The report of the Province Chief was read showing the conditions of the chapters. It set out what had been accomplished by each along the line of chapter house building. The subject of scholarship treated of the requirements the chapters exacted of freshmen before initiation, which showed that the completion of a certain number of hours and credits are required by each chapter before initiation, and in most cases this means the satisfactory completion of one semester's work. The report showed the condition of the alumni associations, and under the subject of "Expansion" was shown the situation at various institutions in the province. It also contained a review of the work carried on by the Province Chief.

Each delegate then read a report from his chapter, bringing out particularly the subjects of "finance," "building fund" and "scholastic standing."

This concluded the first business session.

In the evening the initiation ritual was put on by the Colorado chapter with much credit to this chapter, as the officers had their parts well committed and the order of initiation was carried out in a smooth and perfected manner.

This was followed by the reading of papers on the following subjects by the delegates:

"Inter-Fraternity Conferences," H. M. Noble, Nebraska Gamma Theta; "Chapter Finance," J. T. Barbrick, Colorado Gamma Lambda; "Scholastic Standing," F. E. Fischer, Kansas Gamma Mu; "Anti-Fraternity Legislation," J. J. Viets, Minnesota Gamma Nu; "Expansion," C. R. Anderson, Iowa Beta Alpha; "Chapter House Financing," C. R. Wilson, Missouri Gamma Rho; "The Chapter and Its Alumni," R. A. Schreiber, Iowa Gamma Upsilon; "The Chapter and Its Relation to the National Organization," H. S. Rogers, Wyoming Gamma Psi.

On Friday morning the conclave was honored with an address by President Farrand, the newly elected president of the University of Colorado. He welcomed the delegates and visitors and stated he believed in such fraternity meetings and felt that much good could come from the same.

The delegates were of the opinion that the national organization should not be handicapped by lack of funds. In view of the fact that the present administration has been a very efficient one, and it has been necessary to expend considerable money in publishing the handbook for national officers, the universal system of accounting, as well as other matters which have been and are being carried out by the organization, it was recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, if, at the time of the next Congress, it was shown the financial condition of the general organization was such that it was necessary, that then an ordinance should be passed that each active man be taxed \$1 per year to defray the general expenses of the fraternity.

The recommendation in regard to the prohibition of initiation of high school fraternity men was an unanimous one—all of the delegates being of the opinion some such action should be taken by the national fraternity.

We wish the papers on the various subjects which were read by the delegates could be given in full, as they all showed careful

preparation and brought out ideas along the various lines which would be of benefit to all chapters.

#### SOCIAL FEATURES.

While in Boulder the delegates and visitors were entertained at the chapter house of the Colorado chapter and that of the Sigma Mu Fraternity.

On Friday, at 2 o'clock, the delegates, together with the Colorado chapter and its guests, came by special interurban train to Denver and went immediately to the home of Judge Tully Scott, a member of the Supreme Court of Colorado, where an informal reception was held, and the delegates and visitors given an opportunity to meet the University of Colorado and Denver young ladies who had been asked to attend the dance to be held that evening.

It has been the custom for the Colorado chapter to observe its founding on May 4th by an annual dance, but this year this event was combined with the conclave ball, which was given at the Brown Palace Hotel on the evening of Friday, the 6th, the Colorado chapter acting as host. A large number of alumni, residents of Denver and Colorado, attended, there being in all nearly two hundred people present. The ballroom was decorated with foliage, smilax and palms, and the pin of the Fraternity displayed in electric lights. The best orchestra obtainable furnished the music, while a harpist played during the intermissions. At midnight a supper was served in the dining rooms of the hotel. Needless to say, the new "rag" dances prevailed and the delegates from the various chapters vied with each other in showing the latest steps as danced at their respective chapters.

No particular "stunts" were planned for Saturday morning, the men being at their own liberty at this time, but it is the opinion that all put in the time making up for sleep which they had lost the night before and preparing for that which was yet to come.

At 1 o'clock all assembled at the Albany Hotel where lunch was served and later a theatre party was given at the Orpheum Theatre, where the people in the acts displayed the Fraternity colors and made numerous jests and references to the fact the fraternity men were present.

That evening at the Adams Hotel a banquet was given by the Colorado Alumni Association. There were ninety-one men present and the following is the menu and list of toasts:

The menu:

	BLUE POINTS ON HALF SHELL	
CELERY HEARTS	MIXED OLIVES	SALTED NUTS
	CREAM TOMATO, SALTEENS	
	LOBSTER, A LA NEWBERG	
	ROAST YOUNG TURKEY, SAGE DRESSING	
	CRANBERRY SAUCE	
MASHED POTATOES		TINY PEAS
	WALDORF SALAD	
	NEAPOLITAN ICE CREAM	
	FANCY ASSORTED CAKE	
	DEMI TASSE	

The toast list:

GEORGE B. DRAKE, Chief of Province III, *Toastmaster*; The Colorado Alumni Association, President LAVERGNE B. STEVENS.

*The Chapters:* Kansas Gamma Mu, FLOYD E. FISCHER; Minnesota Gamma Nu, JOHN J. VIETS; Iowa Beta Alpha, CHARLES R. S. ANDERSON; Missouri Gamma Rho, CARLISLE R. WILSON; Iowa Gamma Upsilon, RAYMOND A. SCHREIBER; Wyoming Gamma Psi, HARRY S. ROGERS; Nebraska Gamma Theta, HAROLD M. NOBLE; Colorado Gamma Lambda, JOHN T. BARBRICK.

*The Alumni:* DAVID S. KRUIDENIER, Iowa Alumni Association; ROSS L. BANCROFT, Wyoming Alumni Association; DR. HAMPTON S. HENDERSON, Colorado Alumni Association; PARK M. FRENCH, Denver Alumni Association.

The banquet committee was composed of Oscar M. Sudler, chairman; Ranulph Hudston and Hamlet J. Barry.

A unique feature in connection with the banquet was a stunt which took place soon after all were present. A young girl in sky-blue dancing costume trimmed in old gold, danced in carrying, one at a time, pennants of the universities where the chapters of the province are located, and, after dancing around the table, hung the same on a standard at the back of the chair of the respective delegate and finally placed a larger pennant of the fraternity colors back of the toastmaster.



We believe that on account of the business which was accomplished and the good times enjoyed at the social features, this was as successful a conclave as has ever been held in this province; that those attending were paid for the time and expense and that each chapter will reap a benefit as a result of the conclave.



#### FIFTH BIENNIAL CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE IV.

On Monday, February 23d, Province IV held its fifth biennial conclave at the Copley Square Hotel in Boston. The grand officers attending were N. F. Giffin, Worthy Grand Chief; Max S. Erdman, Worthy Grand Keeper of the Exchequer; Claude T. Reno, Editor of the *PALM*, and Alexander Macomber, Chief of Province IV. The seven chapters were officially represented by the following delegates: Clark, of Maine; Knight, of Colby; Hodges, of Tufts; Bagnall, of Brown; Ormsby, of Worcester; Sykes, of Vermont, and Welch, of M. I. T. The more distant chapters each had several members present and the four near chapters, Worcester, Tufts, Brown and M. I. T., attended en masse.

The conclave was opened in form by the Province Chief, and the sentinel, ushers and secretary were appointed.

In an address of welcome Province Chief Macomber struck the keynote of the justification of fraternal orders. This justification is accomplished, first, by realizing our responsibilities and, second, by good business management. Great work has been done in these respects by the present Worthy Grand Chief. The last analysis depends upon the operation of local affairs. A strong chapter always has a good administration and in every department there is the greatest efficiency.

Each delegate made a complete report of the conditions in his chapter. As a result of the vast improvement during the last year the chapters in Province IV have never been in better condition.

An exceedingly interesting and practical paper on "Alumni Co-operation" was read by Berritt, of Tufts. The salient features were that a chapter must conduct itself so that the alumni

will feel that it is a worthy object to work for; it must be efficient and there must be *organized effort* to get and keep the alumni interested.

An enthusiastic discussion of "College Relationships" was splendidly delivered by Knight, of Maine. He stated that the most serious charges against fraternities were not caused by undemocratic spirit, by exclusiveness, by low scholarship, that the charges were not caused by the lack of high ideals, but the *neglect* of them.

For the first time most of us had the pleasure of hearing the Worthy Grand Chief speak. Many plans have been devised to increase the efficiency of the chapters. Phi Gamma Delta has the Cheney Cup which goes to the chapter which conducts itself most efficiently. The Worthy Grand Chief wishes to give an annual prize to the most efficient chapter, but the only difficulty which would be met would be the harmonizing of the different grades in scholarship. Attention to details in fraternal business is absolutely necessary. At present there is a great wave of anti-fraternity feeling sweeping over the country. The case of abolishing the fraternities in Mississippi is now before the Supreme Court. In Wisconsin, Texas and Ohio anti-fraternity bills will be shortly introduced. A remarkable situation has occurred at Wooster, where fraternities have been abolished. Our chapter still exists there in hope of reinstallation. There has been no mistake in admitting the new chapter at "State." The fraternity situation is ideal and our chapter there will be one of the strongest in the fraternity.

In spite of the fact that he was suffering from a severe cold W. G. K. E. Erdman gave us an encouraging report of his department.

At 11.30 the conclave adjourned for lunch. The delegates were the guests of the M. I. T. chapter.

At the beginning of the afternoon session Spear, of M. I. T., read a forceful paper upon that topic of supreme importance, "Chapter Administration." Spear pointed out that the choice of a responsible man for W. K. E. is important, and that all business transactions must be carried out with the greatest fidelity. At the head of every house should be the chairman of the house

committee to whom the W. K. E., the steward and the house manager are all responsible. Every chapter should also have a committee to judge affairs affecting the general conduct and the scholastic standing of the brothers. The great importance of the offices of W. K. A. and PALM correspondent, and the necessity for thorough work was emphasized. The Worthy Master has comparatively few enumerated duties. His work is that of general overseer. Upon him devolves the task of getting the brothers to co-operate, to pull and work together, for with the Worthy Master rests the key to a healthy chapter.

In the discussion following, Province Chief Macomber stated the great importance of putting in the best men for the positions; there must be centralization in management; with regard to scholarship a definite scheme and organization is necessary. Knight informed us that at Colby scholarship is the most important question; it is easy to find out when a man is down but to pull him up is the difficulty, and some men do not even wish to be helped. At M. I. T. a "tribunal" looks after the scholarship. At Worcester the scholarship committee consists of three men, and there are two classes a week under the supervision of upper classmen to teach the freshmen how to study. Goeth suggested that a tax be levied yearly, the sum going to the chapter having the highest standing in the province. This suggestion called forth an outburst of discussion, pro and con, but the consensus of opinion was that such a plan would not be feasible because of the varied interests. Our aim is not to have one chapter make a high record, but we want the records of all the men good in every chapter. It is necessary to get the men hard at work the first two months of his college life, for this is the critical period. An internal chapter prize to an under classman is hardly advisable because some men are more fitted than others. It is necessary to get ambition into the men with one or two flunks.

In his discussion of the "Alumni Problem," Province Chief Macomber stated that there must be organized effort and a definite scheme to get the alumni interested. Every chapter should have a pamphlet sent to each alumnus every two or three months to keep him acquainted with chapter and alumni affairs.

When Claude T. Reno makes an address in his spirited enthu-

siastic way his ideas strike home with the force of cannon balls. The following is a brief outline of what he said: "We are passing through a very critical period in fraternal history and it behooves us to take inventory to see if the existence of our fraternity is justified. Some chapters fail to think nationally, but think only of themselves. It is necessary that the provinces should not take a sectional view. We are not located only in New England, but in most of the states in the Union. Our aims are nationally carried out. The offices require men who can give their time and money in sacrifice for the destiny of the fraternity. Each does the best he knows how for the fraternity. Some chapters fail to recognize this fact and fail to give the offices their respect. Grand officers have no ax to grind. They are working for the common good and give the best that is in them. They do not want praise but a square deal and a recognition of the difficulties they are trying to overcome. Judge the grand officers justly. They want the satisfaction of knowing they have helped the fraternity and they want the respect and esteem of the offices to which they are entitled."

The place and manner of the next conclave was left to the discussion of the Province Chief.

The conclave adjourned at 4.45 P. M., and the entire delegation went to the M. I. T. chapter house, where a smoker was held. Good fellowship reigned and all enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

The banquet in the evening was held at the Copley Square Hotel. E. H. Packard, M. I. T., '07, ably acted as toastmaster and splendid addresses were given by Province Chief Macomber; Obert Sletten, for the Alumni Association; C. T. Reno, Editor of the *PALM*; Prof. Charles F. Park, M. I. T., '92, and for the National Fraternity by Nathan F. Giffin, Worthy Grand Chief.

Brother Giffin's address was the crowning success of the conclave. He spoke to us of the founding and growth of the national fraternity. His words went straight to the heart and every man was filled with regret when he had concluded.

With the breaking up of the banquet the conclave came to an end.

CLIFFORD E. SIFTON.



## ANNUAL PROVINCE CONCLAVE OF PROVINCE VII.

With the gathering together of the delegates and brothers of the various chapters of the province, the twenty-fourth annual convclave of Province VII started off in fine style at the Virginia Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, on Friday afternoon, February 27th. Thirty brothers were present when Province Chief J. Paul Thompson opened the short business meeting of Friday afternoon. Various committees were appointed and at this meeting the Committee on Credentials reported that the following delegates had been properly seated: Alpha Nu, Garfield Morgan; Alpha Psi, J. Virgil Cory; Beta Eta, L. H. Carpenter; Beta Mu, Willard Wilson; Beta Omega, Otto H. Spengler; Gamma Kappa, Paul Ockert, and Alliance Alumni Association, G. E. Allott.

In the evening a formal dance was given by the local chapter, Beta Omega, in the ballroom of the Virginia. Approximately fifty couples were present. The reception room was decorated with palms and flowers which together with the large lounging chairs and davenports gave the room a very pleasing effect. A buffet luncheon was served at about 12 o'clock. Among the patrons and patronesses who were in the receiving line were Prof. and Mrs. G. W. Rightmire, Prof. and Mrs. H. F. Harrington, Coach and Mrs. L. W. St. John, Province Chief J. Paul Thompson, John T. Hoffman, James M. Kittle, Byron Fay and Kinsell Crane.

At 10 o'clock the next morning the business session was again started. We were honored by the presence of Worthy Grand Chief Nathan F. Giffin and Worthy Grand Keeper of the Exchequer Max S. Erdman at this meeting. Brother Crooks, '97, of Beta Rho, which chapter formerly existed at Marietta College, was also at this meeting. The various chapter delegates read their chapter reports, in which the financial, scholastic and social standing and general activity of each chapter was clearly delineated. Brother Giffin then made a careful resume of the work that had been done by the national officers of the fraternity in the past year, and especially commended the work of the men who are filling these positions during the present administration. He urged all of the chapters to take out insurance at once on all of their property if they had not already done so, setting forth the recent Gettysburg chapter house fire as an excellent example of

how such a catastrophe might overtake any of us at any time. An examination showed that all of the chapters were carrying insurance. Brother Erdman gave a very interesting report of the financial condition of the national treasury of the fraternity.

Among the recommendations of the Committee on Ways and Means which were unanimously adopted was the following:

Whereas, the Washington and Jefferson chapter is nearer to the chapters of Province VII than those of the province in which it now is; and, whereas, there are eight chapters in Province V and only six chapters in Province VII, we recommend to the Worthy Grand Chief that the said chapter be transferred to Province VII if it so desires and is willing to accept the change.

For some time there has been a considerable dissatisfaction with the present date for holding the annual province conclave. The Committee on the Date of Conclave after a full investigation of the matter made a motion that henceforth the province conclave be held on the first Friday and Saturday in the month of March, which motion was unanimously adopted.

It was further decided that henceforth all of the records and minutes of the conclaves be printed in suitable form under the direction of the Province Chief and be distributed generally throughout the fraternity. This work will be taken up at once when the minutes of this conclave will be printed.

A most cordial invitation was extended to the chapters of the province and to the grand officers by the delegate of Beta Eta to hold the next annual conclave at Delaware, Ohio, the home of Ohio-Wesleyan University. The invitation was heartily received by all of the chapters and it was decided to hold the next conclave at the Beta Eta chapter house.

Telegrams of fraternal greeting were sent to Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, W. M. Smiley, Claude T. Reno and Judge R. W. Baggott, who were unable to be present at the conclave.

The meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock and all of the guests were invited to come to the chapter house at 175 West Tenth Avenue, where luncheon was served. An informal smoker and a sight-seeing tour of the university campus and university buildings occupied the greater part of the afternoon.

In the evening the final event of the conclave, the province

conclave banquet, was held at the Virginia Hotel. Sixty brothers were seated about the festive board. The speakers were seated at a long table at one end of the room. Smaller tables were scattered throughout the hall. White tea roses and white carnations served as decorations for each of the tables. An eight-course dinner followed. The list of toasts was as follows: "The Moment After," Garfield Morgan, of Alpha Nu; "The First of Our Cardinal Principles," J. Virgil Cory, of Alpha Psi; "Rainy Days," D. G. McRae, of Beta Eta; "The Oath of Fidelity," Willard Wilson, of Beta Mu; "One Man," Paul Ockert, of Gamma Kappa; "Inter-Fraternity Relations," Otto H. Spengler, of Beta Omega; "Our Fraternity," Francis Game; "Once Upon a Time," H. S. Kerr; "Surplus Stock," Max S. Erdman, and "The Future of Alpha Tau Omega," Nathan F. Giffin. Province Chief J. Paul Thompson acted as toastmaster for the occasion. Alpha Tau songs followed by the "Ruh! Rah! Rega!" and other fraternity and local chapter yells brought the spirit up to a high pitch and the meeting closed with every one feeling that the twenty-fourth province conclave had been a grand success and that Alpha Tau Omega was the "one best bet."

OTTO H. SPENGLER.

## THE ST. LOUIS ALUMNI.

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Ever since the founding of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in 1865, from time to time a few of its graduates however have strayed to St. Louis. And we are proud today to enumerate among our number James L. Ford, a member of original Virginia Alpha. We are sorry, however, that he is too feeble to attend our meetings.

St. Louis for a long time was not in what we might consider thickly settled Alpha Tau territory, yet we find quite a number of wearers of the maltese cross listed in a little volume entitled "College Fraternity Men in St. Louis," and published about twenty years ago. We now have representations from probably three-fourths or more of the chapters.

There were comparatively few alumni associations at this time and there was no organization of any kind among St. Louis Alpha Taus. A piece of good fortune came to them in the fall of 1904 when Dr. E. P. Lyon, then Worthy Grand Chief, was made professor of physiology at St. Louis University. The time was ripe now, if ever, to get the St. Louis Alpha Taus together. There were also two or three other Alphas associated with Doctor Lyon at St. Louis University and they were not slow in seizing the opportunity and in forming a temporary organization. Their organization continued to hold meetings for some little time and on November 26, 1906, a meeting was called and an application for a charter was presented to Worthy Grand Chief Lyon. The situation was placed in the hands of a committee composed of Dr. Carroll Smith, Illinois Gamma Zeta; Dr. Charles H. Nielson, Ohio Beta Eta; and Worthy Grand Chief E. P. Lyon, Michigan Beta Kappa.

In a very short time a charter was granted and the St. Louis Alumni Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was organized with the following eleven charter members: Worthy



Grand Chief E. P. Lyon, Michigan Beta Kappa; E. W. Ormand, Alabama Beta Beta; C. H. Nielson, Ohio Beta Eta; L. H. Cummings, New York Alpha Omicron; W. T. Sumner, Illinois Gamma Zeta; P. M. Buck, Pennsylvania Alpha Upsilon; H. N. Gridley, Illinois Gamma Zeta; O. H. Brown, Kansas Gamma Mu; Carroll Smith, Illinois Gamma Zeta; Walker Evans, Virginia Delta; H. B. Depeu, Michigan Beta Kappa.

Our first officers were as follows: E. W. Ormand, president; Walker Evans, vice president, and Carroll Smith, secretary and treasurer.

What might be called our first official act was the selection of Walker Evans as our association delegate to the Birmingham Congress, with O. H. Brown as alternate.

One of the first problems that confronted our new organization was to devise some scheme for frequent meetings in order that we might become better acquainted. As a means to this end during the first winter of our career we met each Saturday for luncheon at one of the downtown restaurants. This proved to be a good idea and a good many close friendships were formed in a very short time.

Our regular meetings during the first year were held once each month, except during July and August.

These meetings usually consisted of two parts, first, a business session, and second, a session for recreation, which was often a smoker or a luncheon at some nearby restaurant.

Standing committees were appointed at one of these early meetings to keep in touch with the fraternity situation at nearby colleges, and the association received reports from these committees from time to time.

Another piece of good fortune, not only for St. Louis Alphas, but for alumni associations everywhere, was the publication of the pocket directory by Larkin W. Glazebrook, W. G. K. E. This little volume filled a long-felt want and scores of brothers were located and brought within the folds of alumni associations all over the United States. This pocket directory proved so valuable that a second, edited also by Brother Glazebrook, was published in 1911, and it is to be hoped that we may have even more frequent publications of this nature.



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[N. Y. Alpha Omicron]  
INSURANCE  
ST. LOUIS



GEORGE CARROLL SMITH  
[Ill. Gamma Zeta]  
PHYSICIAN  
ST. LOUIS

On February 20th, following our organization, we gave our first annual banquet at the College Inn, a restaurant specially fitted up for occasions of this kind. We had as guest of honor W. N. Dunning, then president of the Chicago Alumni Association. About twenty brothers were present. This we considered such a success that it has been followed each year by something of the same nature. Our regular April meeting of this same year resolved itself into a formal dinner at the Planters Hotel to Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Lyon, who were to leave St. Louis to spend the summer abroad.

We closed our first year's career with a dinner at Forest Park Highlands, a popular summer amusement place of St. Louis, attending the theatre afterward. The attendance at this dinner was large and the evening was pronounced a great success and at least a satisfactory climax to our first year's history.

We learned during our first year that many of the wives and sweethearts were also good Alpha Taus and that whenever we gave any kind of entertainment when the ladies were invited it was always more popular and more successful. This lead us to open up our second year's work with a dinner with ladies at the Planters Hotel. This drew a large attendance and many new brothers and paved the way for a second year's work.

Among these new brothers was one J. Hunter Byrd, of whom I have spoken more fully in another part of this article. He seemed greatly pleased with the large and enthusiastic gathering of Alpha Taus and through the secretary of the association he and Mrs. Byrd invited the association to a dinner at their residence, but when the time came there had to be a postponement on account of illness in the family. However, on the following January 20th, Brother and Mrs. Byrd fulfilled their promise by giving a magnificent dinner, at the Mercantile Club to the St. Louis Alpha Taus and ladies. There happened to be two or three visiting brothers in town that day and they too were rounded up by Byrd and brought to the banquet. One of these was William H. DuBose, vice rector of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, and also Edson R. Miles, New York Alpha Omicron, with Mrs. Miles playing in "The Right of Way" at one of the theatres, were present as guests.

This dinner party was such a pronounced success that it suggested the idea to others to do something on the same order and a little later on Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Lyon entertained the association at their residence with a smoker and buffet luncheon.

On February 26, 1909, a new set of officers were elected as follows: J. T. Renfro, of Beta Delta, president, and William A. Elliot, New York Alpha Omicron, secretary and treasurer. The election of officers was followed by a splendid dinner party at Lippe's restaurant. During the year successful monthly meetings were held with practically the same programs as those of the preceding year as far as entertainment was concerned, but a good deal was done toward devising ways and means of getting in touch with young men about to enter college. It was finally decided to appoint committees to watch high school and private schools and report to Alpha Tau Omega authorities where prospects were intending to go. This same plan is still in vogue.

There were two noteworthy social affairs of 1909-10. One of these was the annual dinner at the Historical Southern Hotel. The other was a party given late in the spring by Brother and Mrs. J. N. Fuller to Alpha Taus of St. Louis and ladies. The Fullers are of southern birth and ancestry and on this occasion they lived up fully to the southern reputation for hospitality. This too is only one of the many times they have been most splendid hosts to the Alpha Taus of St. Louis and they have merited well the affectionate esteem of every member of the fraternity in this city.

The officers for the year 1911-12 were Dr. E. P. Lyon, president, and William A. Elliot, secretary.

The popularity of such parties increased, and the years 1911 and 1912 were well filled with these affairs. The first of the season was given by Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Lyon in the early autumn. It was one more of the many good times furnished by the Lyons to St. Louis Alphas.

The next most noteworthy event was a house party given on the following April 1st by Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Brown. The program of entertainment on that evening was without doubt the most unique, original and appropriate to that particular date that could possibly be prepared and was voted the most enjoyable



party ever given by a member of the association. The Browns gave another party the following Halloween, which keenly rivaled the latter in uniqueness and enjoyment.

A little later on in the autumn it was learned that Doctor Van der Vries, then Worthy Grand Chief, accompanied by Doctor Reitz, of the University of Illinois, were to be in town a day or two. On this occasion Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Nielson established an enviable reputation as host and hostess by giving a most enjoyable house party in honor of the two distinguished brothers.

The annual dinner for the year 1912 was given at the Elks' Club. The attendance was the largest that had attended a like affair, about fifty Alpha Taus and ladies being present.

A musical and literary program followed the dinner, a prominent and pleasing feature being an impromptu mock trial which dealt with a breach of promise suit mostly at the expense of our bachelor brother, William A. Elliot.

This after-dinner program furnished any amount of keen enjoyment and the whole affair will be remembered a long time by all who attended.

The St. Louis association took part in the 1912 Congress by sending Walter C. Nollan as its delegate, who gave a detailed and glowing account of what transpired, at the next meeting held after his return.

Through Carroll Smith the Elks of St. Louis have very generously allowed us to use their banquet hall and ball room whenever we desired, for the last three years. In February, 1913, we took special advantage of this offer by giving a dinner dance instead of the regular annual banquet. This was the first affair of its kind and proved to be very popular to Alpha Taus of all ages, as the program included every variety of dance from the Virginia reel to the most modern fads in the way of dancing.

The popularity of this occasion was demonstrated a few weeks ago when it was voted unanimously to repeat the affair this year. In accordance with this desire the association gave another dinner dance on February 11th at the Elks' Club.

The attendance was larger than last year and it was pronounced one of the most enjoyable social affairs in the history of Alpha Tau Omega in St. Louis.



CHAS. H. NIELSON  
[Ohio Beta Eta]  
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HARRY L. HOPE  
[Mich. Beta Omicron]  
ST. LOUIS

In this little resume of Alpha Tau activities I have touched upon the most important points of our program only. There are many others of vital importance and in the aggregate have contributed perhaps as much to success as those mentioned.

In like manner the individuals treated herein are only some of the principal actors. There are many others who have played an important part in whatever little success has been attained. Naturally some deserve more credit than others from the fellow who attended reunions of his fraternity only now and then to the one who almost never allows himself to be absent. We have all classes in St. Louis, from the most enthusiastic to the fellow who has almost forgotten his fraternity entirely. We are glad to know, however, that the number in the latter class is very small.

It is a fact here in St. Louis at least that the best fraternity men are without exception more successful men than their less enthusiastic brothers. The man who takes a keen interest in his fraternity is likewise enthusiastic about other things as well, hence more of a success in whatever his vocation may be.

In this class are those upon whom the fraternity has left its greatest impress and they are the ones who are carrying out the beautiful principles for which it stands.

JOSEPH HUNTER BYRD: Financially interested in many business enterprises of importance and with voice in their management, Joseph Hunter Byrd stands among the prominent representatives of commercial and financial interests in St. Louis. He was born in Cape Girardeau County, near Jackson, Missouri, May 8, 1880.

His father, Abraham Ruddell Byrd, was a son of Stephen Byrd, and his mother, Mrs. Sarah Minerva (Hunter) Byrd, was a daughter of Joseph Hunter, of New Madrid, Missouri. Both families have resided in southeastern Missouri since 1803, the Byrds holding a grant of land from Spain. Abraham R. Byrd is a ranchman, miner and flour manufacturer of San Antonio, Texas.

The Byrd family is of Scotch origin and was founded in Virginia while this country was still numbered among the colonial possessions of Great Britain.

Two branches of the family emigrated to Missouri, the first settling in Cape Girardeau County in 1803 and the other at Byrd's Point in 1820.

J. Hunter Byrd pursued his education in the Academic Department of the University of Virginia and also attended the University of Texas. He left college, however, in the fall of 1901 and entered business life, devoting that year to mining and prospecting for gold in New Mexico. During the succeeding two years he was engaged in prospecting and exploring in northern Mexico, in lower Pacific Mexico and on the Central American Border. He spent the year 1904 as a flour salesman and in 1905 became connected with the Alsop Process Company, dealers in electrical equipment for flour mills at St. Louis. He has since been associated with the company with which he became connected as salesman. The following year he was elected treasurer. He has also extended his efforts to other fields of activity. In 1906 he assisted in the organization of the Central National Bank, of which he became a director and cashier. In 1907 he was elected to the directorate of the Missouri Security Trust Company, to the Missouri State Life Insurance Company and to the Alsop Process Company, of which he still remains as treasurer. He is associated in partnership with his father and brother in the firm of A. R. Byrd & Sons, investments, and is also president of the Valley Hardwood Lumber Company, which operates in timber and railway interests in Arkansas. Other corporations number him as a director and although yet a young man he has become widely recognized as one of sound business judgment and discernment. He is in touch with the progressive spirit of the times which utilizes each opportunity for advancement and has come to understand the value of concerted effort in the accomplishment of large results.

Byrd was married in Jackson, Missouri, November 30, 1904, to Miss Emma Evangeline Howard, of Cape Girardeau County, who was educated at Randolph-Macon Women's College at Lynchburg, Virginia.

In politics Byrd is a Democrat, stoutly advocating the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. His membership relations are with the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, the Mercantile Club and the Southern Methodist Church—associations which indicate much of the character of his interests and his purposes. He has already made himself felt as a potent factor in



business circles and his outlook is most promising because of his ability to recognize and utilize opportunities.

**WILLIAM A. ELLIOT:** William A. Elliot was born on a farm in St. Lawrence County, New York, in the region made famous by Irving Bacheller's "Eben Holden," "Dri and I" and other works.

Elliot sprang from sturdy Scotch ancestry and he possesses many of the sterling qualities and characteristics of the race. His boyhood days were spent on the farm meanwhile acquiring the education afforded by the public schools of the Empire State.

In the fall of 1890 he entered St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York. Here he became a member of Alpha Omicron chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. During his college course he was an ardent fraternity worker as well as an earnest student and he has put into practical use the good things he derived from both sources.

He graduated with the class of 1894. His first year was spent as principal of a high school in one of the large towns of northern New York, but not wishing to follow the life of a pedagogue he made his way to the great metropolis of his native state, where he secured a position with the Fidelity and Casualty Company in the Claim Department. He soon won the confidence of his employers and after several successful years in New York, the head offices of the company, he was sent to St. Louis to open up a branch claim office. He held this position for six years or until July, 1913, when he resigned to accept a much more lucrative position with the Aetna Life Insurance Company, to manage its claims in the territory of the Southwest with offices in St. Louis.

While in New York, if any one wanted to see Elliot all he had to do was to attend a fraternity meeting. Elliot was always there. This same spirit has characterized his work in St. Louis. I am sure that he has never been absent from a meeting of his fraternity since he came to St. Louis and to no man does the St. Louis Alumni Association owe more for its success than to William Adams Elliot.

He served two years as its secretary and is now serving his second year as president.

**CHARLES HUGH NIELSON:** Dr. Charles Hugh Nielson was born in Sunbury, Ohio, 1873, of Scotch parentage. He received his early education in country schools and in the Sunbury High

School and entered Ohio Wesleyan University in 1890. Here he became a member of Beta Eta chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. While here he was very prominent in all college activities and his brilliancy as a student resulted in his election to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his A. B. degree in 1894 and his A. M. degree in 1897 from Ohio Wesleyan.

His first work to take up after graduation was that of a teacher, when he was elected superintendent of the public schools of Robinson, Illinois, a position which he held from 1895 to 1900, meanwhile serving as institute instructor in the State of Illinois.

For a short time he was assistant in physiology at his alma mater and in 1901 a fellow in physiology, University of Chicago, and became research assistant to Dr. Jacques Loeb, University of Chicago, the same year and associate in physiology. He received his Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago in 1902 and his M. D. degree from Rush Medical College in 1905.

While at Chicago he met Miss Ebba A. Anderson, of that city, and on June 11, 1903, they were married. About this time he became associate professor of physiological chemistry at St. Louis University, St. Louis, and professor in 1907. His promotion was rapid and he was elected head professor of medicine at the above institution in 1909.

During all this time and up to the present he has not only been busy with his regular work at the university, but has served as chief of staff and visiting physician to Alexon Bros.' Hospital, consultant physician to St. John's and Rebekah Hospital and in 1913 was elected vice president of the Missouri State Medical Association. He is also a member of the American Medical Association, the American Society of Biological Chemistry, the Phi Rho Sigma Medical Fraternity and of Sigma Xi from the University of Chicago. He also spent the summers of 1906 and 1910 studying in Europe.

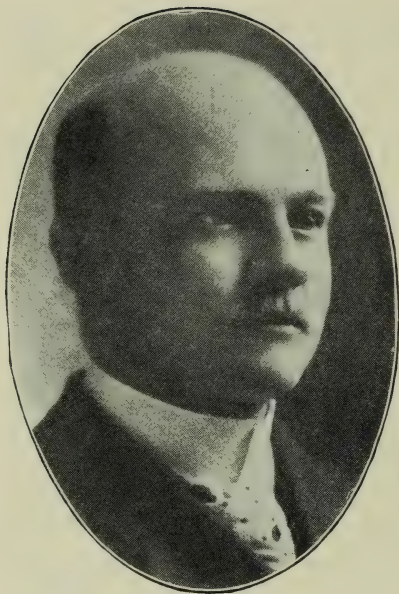
In spite of this busy life Doctor Nielson's loyalty to A. T. O. has never waned. He was one of the charter members and was very prominent in organizing the St. Louis Alumni Association and it is a very rare occurrence to find any meeting of Alpha Taus without Doctor Nielson. His charming personality, genial disposition and ready wit have won a unique place in the hearts of his associates.

He resides with his charming wife and young son at 4353 Forest Park Boulevard, where there is always a warm welcome for Alpha Taus.

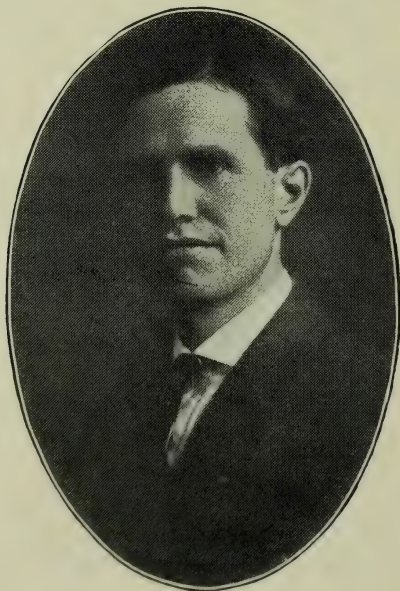
ORVILLE HARRY BROWN: Dr. Orville Harry Brown was born at Sabetha, Kansas, July 18, 1875, the son of Edward Matthew and Sarah Katherine (Hull) Brown. He graduated from Sabetha High School in 1892, and for some little time was a student at Brown's Business College, Kansas City, Missouri, but he decided to secure a higher education and entered Ottawa University in 1897, remaining there two years. In 1899 he entered the University of Kansas and received his A. B. in 1901. It was at this place he became a member of Gamma Mu chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. After graduating from University of Kansas he was retained as assistant in physiology, 1901-02, and went to the University of Chicago in the fall of 1902 as fellow in physiology and was promoted to assistant in physiology in 1903. He spent the summers of 1902 and 1905 in medical work at Vienna and London. In the fall of 1904 he was called to St. Louis University as assistant professor of pharmacology, receiving his M. D. from the latter institution in 1905. He practiced in St. Louis in 1906 and 1907, and was made physician in chief of the Missouri State Sanitarium, Mt. Vernon, Missouri, and was made superintendent of that institution in 1908, but returned to St. Louis in December, 1909, and since that time has been assistant professor of medicine at St. Louis University. He is also visiting physician of the St. Louis City Hospital, member American Medical Association, Missouri State Medical Association, St. Louis Medical Society, American Association Biological Chemists, first lieutenant Medical Reserve Corps, U. S. A., and member St. Louis City Club. Doctor Brown is also a member of Alpha Kappa Kappa, Sigma Xi and Alpha Omega Alpha, joint editor *Laboratory Manual of Physiology* and an extensive contributor on medical subjects.

On October 16, 1908, Doctor Brown married Miss Margaret Poisley, of Litchfield, Illinois. They have one daughter, Poisley. Their pleasant home, 3811 Westminster Place, has been the scene of many splendid Alpha Tau parties, for as entertainers they are not surpassed among the Alpha Taus of St. Louis. Doctor Brown was one of the charter members and was very active in





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[Iowa Beta Alpha]  
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founding the St. Louis Alumni Association, is one of its most loyal supporters and is a man of whom the fraternity may feel justly proud.

GEORGE CARROLL SMITH: Dr. George Carroll Smith was born at Flora, Illinois, August 19, 1878. In this locality he spent the days of his youth and boyhood and fitted himself for a course at the University of Illinois, which he entered in the fall of 1897. Here he became a member of Illinois Gamma Zeta chapter of Alpha Tau Omega.

Doctor Smith possesses many of the characteristics of a leader, and these qualities, combined with a pleasing personality and genial disposition, made him not only a prominent member of his class, but also of his fraternity.

He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1901 with the degree of A. B., and in accordance with an early desire to study medicine he entered Rush Medical College (University of Chicago), receiving his M. D. degree in 1904, and served as interne of the St. Joseph Hospital, Chicago, under the late Prof. Nicholas Senn, 1904-05.

About this time he was appointed assistant professor of surgery and surgical pathology of the St. Louis University Medical School.

During his comparatively brief time in St. Louis he has won for himself an enviable position among the medical fraternity. He is surgeon of the Alexon Bros.' Hospital, consulting surgeon of St. John's Hospital, associate surgeon of Rebekah Hospital, surgeon of the Illinois Traction system, first lieutenant of the medical reserve corps, United States Army. Was secretary of the St. Louis Medical Society, 1909-10; councillor of the St. Louis Medical Society, 1910-13; secretary to the faculty of the St. Louis University Medical School; member of the Missouri State Medical Association; fellow of the American Medical Association; member of the Surgeons Club, of St. Louis, also contributor of various articles on medical literature, and engaged in post-graduate work in London and Berlin during the summer of 1911.

Besides being an Alpha Tau, Doctor Smith is a Mason, a member of the Elks and a member of Phi Rho Sigma (Rush Medical College).

In spite of this busy life, he is one of the chief standard bearers of Alpha Tau Omega in St. Louis and a charter member of the St. Louis Alumni Association.

His service to Alpha Tau Omega has been continuous, either in an official or unofficial capacity, almost since the day he was initiated. He was Worthy Master of his chapter, 1900-01; for several years secretary to former Worthy Grand Chief Lyon, and for several more secretary of the St. Louis Alumni Association and one of its founders, and served as one of the installing officers of Iowa chapter.

Any community, fraternity or society which has for one of its members Dr. George Carroll Smith may justly feel that it has at least one member who will always serve it with energy and ability.

ELIAS POTTER LYON: Dr. Elias Potter Lyon was born at Cambria, Hillsdale County, Michigan, October 20, 1867, a son of Nelson J. and Mary (Hebard) Lyon.

He entered Hillsdale College in 1888 and received his A. B. degree from that institution in 1892. While at Hillsdale he became a member of Michigan Beta Kappa chapter of the fraternity, to which he has given such a great abundance of his splendid energy and judgment in the capacity of Worthy Grand Chief.

He began his work as an educator and an instructor in his alma mater, covering the years 1890-91 and in Harvard School, Chicago, from 1892-96. From 1897-1900 he was an instructor in Bardley Institute, Peoria, Illinois. Returning to Chicago in 1901, he was made assistant professor of Rush Medical College. In 1904 he was called to St. Louis University, St. Louis, as professor of physiology and he has been dean of that institution since 1907.

Meanwhile he has filled other offices, being investigator of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, 1909-11; biologist of the Greenland Expedition in 1894; fellow of American Association for the Advancement of Science; member of the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine (New York). He was also a member of the St. Louis City Club, Biological and St. Louis Medical Science, also a contributor to the *American Journal of Physiology* and other publications dealing with scientific subjects.

On September 1, 1897, he married Miss Nellie P. Eastman, of

Limerick, Maine, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma from Hillsdale College, Doctor Lyon's alma mater.

Mrs. Lyon has been a most enthusiastic coworker in everything that Doctor Lyon has done for Alpha Tau Omega, and the fraternity owes her almost as big a debt as it does her husband.

In regard to what he has done and what he is to the fraternity of Alpha Tau Omega I need not mention here, for it is indeed well known to Alpha Taus all over the United States.

We must, however, as members of the St. Louis Alumni Association congratulate ourselves that we have had his most efficient services in establishing our association and further that we have come in closer touch with Doctor Lyon than is the good fortune of most Alpha Taus.

Early in the spring of 1913 Doctor Lyon resigned his position to accept the position of professor of physiology and dean of the Medical School of the University of Minnesota, and their address is now 421 Union Street, S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

HARRY S. HOPE: Harry S. Hope was born February 7, 1882, at Bainbridge, Ohio. In this town he spent his boyhood days, received his early education and prepared himself for the electrical engineering course at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, which he entered in the fall of 1901.

Here he became a member of Beta Omega chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. While at college he was an excellent all-round college man and a very enthusiastic A. T. O.

He graduated from Ohio State in the class of 1905 with the degree of mechanical engineer—electrical engineering.

After graduation he associated himself with the Western Electric Company at Chicago and took their regular four-year apprentice course, where he acquired an excellent knowledge of practical methods in all the different departments. While at Chicago he was a prominent member of the A. T. O. Alumni Association, serving as its secretary for two years. After taking the four-year apprentice course with the Western Electric Company he spent two more years with the same company in the engineering department, after which he accepted a position as equipment engineer for the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company at Kansas City.

He filled this position with marked efficiency and after two years was transferred to St. Louis as engineer of equipment standards for the Bell interests—Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

He was an enthusiastic member of the Kansas City Association and upon his transfer to St. Louis at once affiliated himself with the St. Louis Association.

Since his affiliation with St. Louis Alpha Tau, by his affable manner, genial disposition and thorough qualities of a gentleman, he has won the affectionate esteem of all.

On June 25, 1913, he married Miss Myra Day, an attractive and accomplished young lady of St. Louis.

They reside at 21 Rosedale Avenue, St. Louis, where they are pleased to be at home to all Alpha Taus.

L. H. CUMMINGS.



## THE COLORADO ALUMNI.

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The pioneer days of the Colorado Alumni Association were previous to 1900. There resided in the various towns of the state a few A. T. O.'s, but in Denver the number was so small that there was no established organization. However, in 1900 a local club at the University of Colorado made known to those alumni residing in Denver, that they desired to petition for a charter and thus being called upon to make an investigation of the situation the Denver alumni began to take an active interest in fraternity affairs and soon were hearty supporters and boosters for a chapter at the University of Colorado.

Among the most active of the few men residing in Denver at that time were Prof. Harry V. Kepner, of one of the high schools; Oliver P. Fritchle, electric auto manufacturer; Dr. W. D. Engle and Prof. Ira C. Cutler, both of the faculty of the University of Denver, and these were present and assisted at the time of the installation of the Colorado chapter.

Recruits were soon added to the Denver alumni from graduates of the Colorado chapter, and among these were the following charter members of this chapter: Walter M. Appel, Ira C. Rothgerber, Harry R. Whitehead, who are still residing in Denver, and Horace B. Holmes, of Boulder, all of whom have been among the most active and loyal of the Colorado alumni.

For two years the Denver men met frequently at dinners and among those who had been added to the number were Frank W. Barry, graduate of the University of Nebraska; Donald E. Rust, of Indiana Gamma Gamma, and J. Fuller Wallace, of Ohio Alpha Psi.

Not being content with having no affiliation with the national organization, it was decided that the Colorado men should receive national recognition and therefore application was made for a charter which was received bearing date of October 21, 1903, and



# DENVER ALUMNI

TOP ROW (*left to right*): Hudston, F. Barry, Mosher, Lubers, Crisman, Drinkwater, Mills,  
MIDDLE ROW: Garvin, Kepner, McGehee, Steel, Suddler, Drake, Rennie, Roller, French, Wilson.  
BOTTOM ROW: Appel, Frewin, Stevens, Chase, Fritchle, Rothgerber, H. Barry.

signed by George H. Lamar as Worthy Grand Chief, and Otis A. Glazebrook as Chairman of the High Council, same being issued to the Colorado Alumni Association.

In the PALM of March 30, 1904, we find a letter from the Colorado Alumni Association from which we quote the following:

"On Saturday, January 30th, at eight o'clock, a small but enthusiastic band of Alpha Taus met at the new Adams Hotel in Denver and formally organized the Colorado Alumni Association. The officers elected were: President, W. D. Engle; treasurer, John B. Garvin; recording secretary, O. P. Fritchle; corresponding secretary, Walter M. Appel."

It was the idea of the association to do all it could to encourage and assist the chapter at the University of Colorado, which had been organized two years previous, and also to urge the idea of western extension, as it was felt there was a great need of additional chapters if the work was to account for anything.

Application was made for a charter in the name of the Colorado Alumni Association, it being the desire to include all alumni residing in Colorado as members. As the most active members of the association are residents of Denver, and as the business of the association can best be handled by men who frequently meet together, the officers of the association have always been residents of Denver.

The first meetings of the association were held at night in the office of some one of the members, but a little later as the numbers grew it was decided to meet together each Saturday at noon for lunch and this custom has now been regularly maintained during the winter months for the past six years.

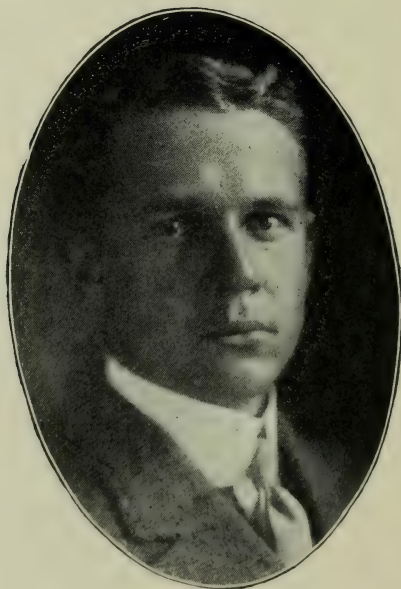
In 1907 there was organized in Denver a Pan-Hellenic, an organization consisting of men of all college fraternities. This organization for a time maintained club rooms in a hotel in this city, and among the most active of the members were those of the Denver A. T. O.'s. Brother Rothgerber was a member of the house committee of the club. The club existed for a number of years, but was later merged into one of the larger clubs of the city.

From the very first of the organization the association felt that the duty devolved upon it to help the Colorado chapter to maintain a house of its own, and as a majority of the Denver





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DENVER, COLO.





E. C. STEVENS  
[Wis. Gamma Tau]  
SECRETARY Y. M. C. A.  
DENVER, COLO.



LEO P. KELLY  
[Col. Gamma Lambda]  
LAWYER  
PUEBLO, COLO.

alumni were former members of this chapter steps were taken to procure building lots and on May 29, 1907, a very desirable corner location, 100 by 102, was purchased for the sum of \$5,150, and a building company, known as the Alpha Tau Omega Building Association, was formed. The title to the lots was taken in the name of the building association. The capital stock of the association was \$250,000, represented by 2,500 shares at \$10 each. At the beginning it looked like a stupendous undertaking for so small an organization to undertake, yet at the very first \$1,100 was raised within sixty days to make payment on the lots and altogether since the beginning of the organization there has been paid \$3,738.61 toward the proposition.

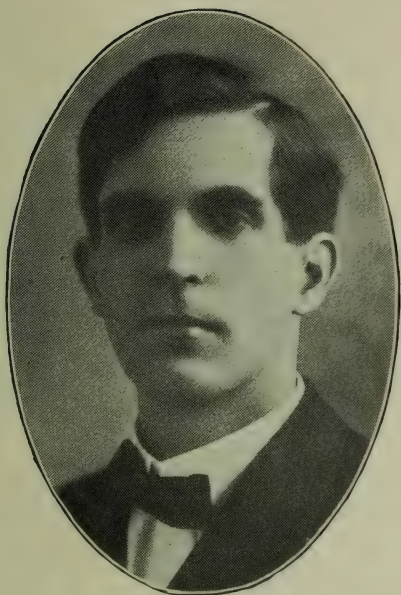
Credit should be given the members who have at times assumed the responsibility and carried the burdens connected with raising funds to take care of the principal and interest. We, therefore, feel public mention should be made of Walter M. Appel, Douglas A. Roller, Dr. Ranulph Hudston, Oscar M. Sudler, Fred E. Hagen, Horace B. Holmes and Clinton N. Steele, all of whom at various times labored unceasingly in behalf of the cause. Steele at the present time is treasurer of the association and is doing valiant service and gradually paying off the principal and at the same time has been instrumental in inaugurating various schemes in which the interest of the active men and alumni has been kept up.

We desire to make mention of some former members of the association who were prominent and active but who are no longer residing in the state.

Chester S. Van Brunt, the founder of the Colorado chapter and a member of Illinois Gamma Zeta, resided at Boulder for a number of years after the installation of that chapter and was a frequent visitor with the Denver Alumni Association. He was one of the most generous of the contributors to the building fund. Van Brunt is now living at Los Angeles.

Judge James J. Bank, who came to Denver from Birmingham, Alabama, where he had been president of the alumni association, also for several years was an enthusiastic member of our organization and now resides in Los Angeles.

Sidney B. Fithian, of Illinois Gamma Zeta, now living at



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REAL ESTATE  
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JESS R. CALEY  
[Neb. Gamma Theta]  
CASHIER  
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Falcon, Mississippi, was one of the leading members of the association and did much to keep up the active interest of the organization.

May 22, 1909, the association entertained Worthy Grand Chief Hickok at a formal banquet held in his honor and several of the alumni escorted him to Boulder at the time of his inspection of the chapter. Because of the position occupied by the guest of honor this was one of the most enjoyable and memorable of all banquets held by the association.

In September, 1909, the association had as its guest Province Chief Van der Vries while on an official visit to the Colorado chapter. A dinner was given in his honor which was followed by a theatre party. He was accompanied to Boulder by Park M. French as the official representative of the association.

A custom which has been carried out at the weekly luncheons has been that upon the return of any alumnus after a honeymoon trip to have the newly married couple as guests at which event the other members bring their wives and lady friends. We have not had any such affairs for some time, but from reports there may be a number of the same in the near future.

The association has annually entertained the chapter at a banquet or dinner at about Thanksgiving time in Denver and the chapter for a number of years has reciprocated by having the alumni as guests at its initiation banquet held the first of the year at Boulder.

The last banquet held by the association was on February 7th, at the time of the fourth biennial conclave of Province III, at which time the association acted as host, and had as guests the Colorado chapter and delegates and visitors to the conclave. There were ninety-one men present and it was one of the most successful of all the banquets which this association has held, much credit being due to Hamlet J. Barry, chairman of the committee.

The majority of the members of the Colorado association are young men who have not yet obtained reputation or fame in their particular vocation. Most of them are graduates of the Colorado chapter and as the chapter has not been in existence for many years its alumni have not been out of the chapter long enough to gain fame.

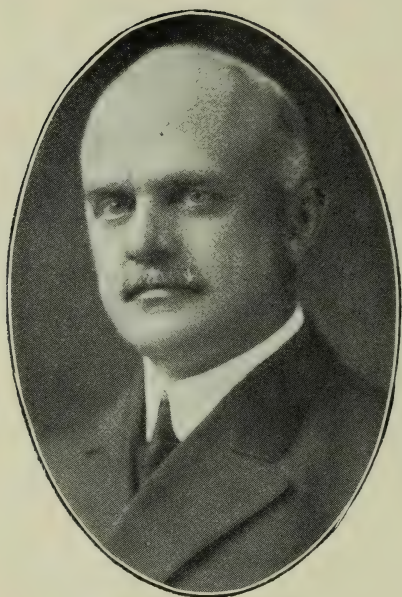




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[Ohio Alpha Nu]  
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BOULDER, COLO.



HARRY V. KEPNER  
[Ohio Beta Eta]  
MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL  
DENVER, COLO.



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[Col. Gamma Lambda]  
LAWYER  
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However, there is one particular in which graduates of this chapter seem to have become most prominent, and that is the judiciary. The first of the Colorado alumni to be elected to a judgeship was Roy H. Blackman, who was elected Judge of Clear Creek County in 1904 and at the time of his election was the youngest county judge in the state. Last January two more alumni of the Colorado chapter were elected county judges—William C. Hood, judge of Adams County, and Ira C. Rothgerber, county judge of the city and county of Denver. Judge Hood is at the present time the youngest county judge in the state and Judge Rothgerber the youngest man who has ever held the position in the city and county of Denver, the latter being a very responsible position in view of the fact the city of Denver comprises this county and much litigation of importance is brought before this court. Judge Rothgerber, however, has held the position with much credit to himself, and the association is proud to point to him as one of the most prominent alumni.

A short time ago the association was honored in having two of its members, Frank W. Frewen, Jr., and Park M. French, who are among the more prominent of the younger architects of the city, appointed by the Worthy Grand Chief as members of a committee for the purpose of revising and standardizing the paraphernalia used by chapters in the ritual work and also for drawing model plans of chapter rooms.

Among the older alumni residing in the city the following are prominent in educational lines:

John B. Garvin, principal of South Denver High School.

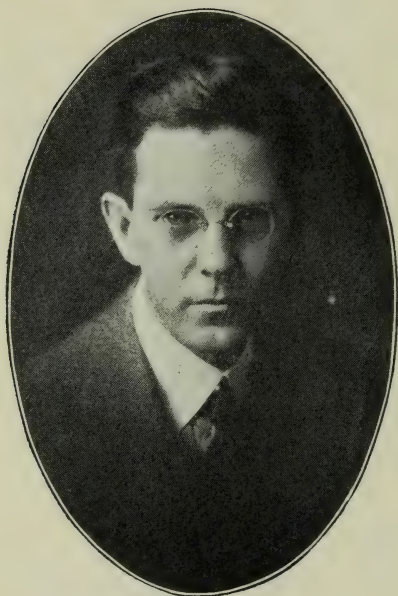
Prof. Ira E. Cutler and Dr. W. D. Engle, of the faculty of Denver University.

Harry V. Kepner, professor in Manual Training High School, and also very prominent in Masonic circles.

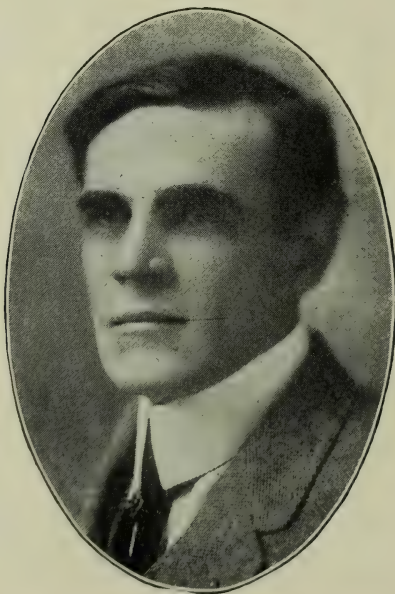
In the newspaper field we are represented by George S. Holmes, city editor for the *Denver Times*, and Eugene P. Fowler, an assistant editor of the *Rocky Mountain News*.

Among the clergy we have John E. Hummon as president of the Rocky Mountain Synod of the Lutheran Church.

E. C. Stevens is Y. M. C. A. secretary of the University of Denver.

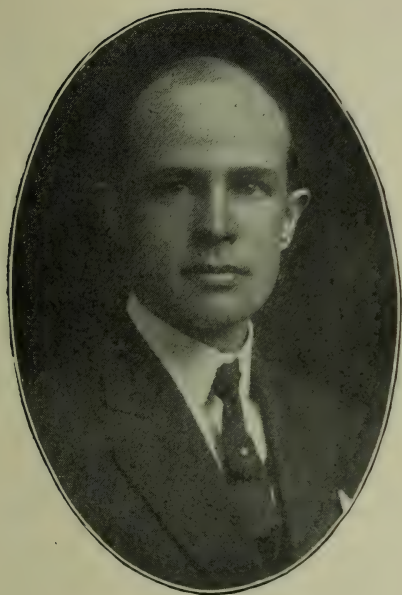


GEORGE S. HOLMES  
[R. I. Gamma Delta]  
CITY EDITOR, TIMES  
DENVER, COLO.



LAVERGNE B. STEVENS  
[Mich. Beta Lambda]  
LAWYER  
DENVER, COLO.





PARK M. FRENCH  
[Pa. Tau]  
ARCHITECT  
DENVER, COLO.



HAMPTON S. HENDERSON  
[Ala. Alpha Epsilon]  
GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.

The association was honored when after the last Congress it was informed that it was to receive recognition by the national organization, in that one of its members was to be appointed Province Chief and George B. Drake was selected to hold the position.

The present officers of the association are: President, La-Vergne B. Stevens; secretary, J. Warner Mills, Jr., and treasurer, Arthur D. Wilson.

Of the alumni of prominence residing in various places in the state are the following:

Frederick E. Hagen, of Boulder, secretary and registrar of the University of Colorado. Hagen is one of the most active of the alumni and has done much good work in connection with the building association.

Hampton S. Henderson, of Grand Junction, surgeon for the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, and former president of the Mesa County Medical Association.

William R. Kelley, an attorney of Greeley and referee in water adjudications in the district in which he resides.

Leo P. Kelly, an attorney of Pueblo, who holds no political position and has stated his ambition is to be the only Irishman who never held a political job.

Horace B. Holmes, of Boulder, for some time chairman of the building committee, did valuable service, he having much of the responsibility on his shoulders.

George William M. Nutting, of La Jara, Colorado, a former member of the football squad of the University of Kansas. He is engaged in an investment and ranching business.

Joseph H. Shriber, superintendent of schools at Boulder, is president of the State Association of County Superintendents and has held other prominent positions in connection with educational councils of the state.

Jess R. Caley, cashier of the Genoa State Bank, at Genoa, Colorado.

Alonzo M. Emigh, county attorney of Archuleta County.

Although the Colorado Alumni Association has not been organized as long as some others, and we may not have men with the business standing and prominence in official life as have some other



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associations, yet we feel for enthusiasm and activity our association is the equal of any. Our frequent meetings have kept us closely in touch with each other and has established an intimate relationship which we do not believe exists between any other small fraternal group, and in order to prove this we ask any member of the fraternity who may be passing through or visiting Denver, to look us up in order that we may demonstrate to you that what we have herein stated is true.

BY ONE OF THE BUNCH.

## A. T. O. ALUMNI

NAME	ADDRESS
APPEL, WALTER M.	630 Symes Bldg.
BAILEY, WILLIAM C.	2803 Downing St.
BARRY, HAMLET J.	926 Equitable Bldg.
BARRY, FRANK W.	444 Equitable Bldg.
BREWSTER, EUGENE	802 Gas and Electric Bldg.
BALLINGER, JAMES R.	1410 St. Paul St.
CRISMAN, CLARENCE O.	3257 Alcott St.
CUTLER, IRA E.	care Denver University.
COPELAND, LEONEL R.	51 S. Ogden St.
DRAKE, GEORGE B.	307 Foster Bldg.
DRINKWATER, RUSSELL R.	816 Foster Bldg.
DRINKWATER, HAROLD P.	816 Foster Bldg.
EBERLE, JOHN C.	2139 Race St.
ENGLE, W. D.	2111 S. St. Paul St.
FAIRCHILD, CHARLES O.	1440 Clarkson St.
FOWLER, EUGENE	Rocky Mountain News Pub. Co
FRENCH, PARK M.	313 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
FREWEN, FRANK W., JR.	214-215 Majestic Bldg.
FRITCHLE, OLIVER P.	1045 Lafayette
FOUNTAIN, HERON A.	Denver Gas and Elec. Co.
GARVIN, JOHN B.	4545 Grove St.
GRABILL, RALPH G.	1301 E. Ninth Ave.
GIFFEN, H. A.	Shirley Hotel (Bonners Ferry Lbr. Co.)
GREENLEE, JAMES R.	760 Marion St.
HALEY, O. B.	857 Grant St.
HEYES, DR. OSCAR	510 California Bldg.
HAMBURGER, GEORGE, JR.	1711 California St.
HANNUM, CLAUDE	Colorado Telephone Co.
HEARNE, V. J.	Ellsworth Hotel, 19 Broadway
HOLMES, GEORGE S.	Denver Times
HAYES, EDGAR	Supt. County Poor Farm (Henderson, Colo.)
HUMMON, REV. JOHN E.	2209 California St.
HUDSTON, DR. RANULPH	310 Metropolitan Bldg.
HUMPHREY, FRED L.	400 Sugar Bldg.
KEPNER, HARRY V.	2103 Gilpin St.
KIRTON, JOHN R.	1295 Clayton St.
LUBERS, HARRY L., JR.	4251 Grove St.
McGEHEE, WM. P.	1401 Lawrence St.
MITCHELL, HARRY L.	2926 Boulevard F.
MOSHER, JACK M.	305 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
MILLS, J. WARNER, JR.	712 Kittredge Bldg.
POTTER, CLARENCE L.	685 Humboldt
PEARCE, GRAFTON C.	2951 Foster Ct.
PALMER, DENHAM	1450 Champa St.
ROLLER, DOUGLAS A.	214 Equitable Bldg.
ROTHGERBER, JUDGE IRA C.	Court House
STEVENS, E. C.	Y. M. C. A. Sec., Univ. of Denver
STEEL, N. CLINTON	501 Symes Bldg.
STEVENS, LAVERGNE B.	824 Equitable Bldg.
SUDLER, OSCAR M.	919 Equitable Bldg.
TAYLOR, R. R.	County Hospital
TUFTS, JOHN M.	1540 Grant St.
WHITEHEAD, HARRY R.	Denver Mint
WILSON, ARTHUR D.	Wilkins-Interstate Realty Co.
WARE, CHARLES F.	426 Denham Theatre Bldg.



## IN DENVER, COLO.

CHAPTER	YEAR OF INITIATION	OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1901	Attorney
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1905	Dentist
Georgia Alpha Theta	1897	Attorney
Nebraska Gamma Theta	1899	Attorney
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1906	Insurance Broker
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1906	Attorney
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1910	Engineer
Michigan Beta Omicron	1889	Professor, Denver University
Nebraska Gamma Theta	1898	Auditor, White Audit Co., Chicago
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1902	Attorney
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1908	Attorney
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1909	Real Estate
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1903	Electrical Engineer
Michigan Beta Omicron	1889	Professor, Denver University
Indiana Gamma Gamma	1909	Chemical Engineer
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1911	Reporter, Rocky Mountain News
Pennsylvania Tau	1903	Architect
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1906	Architect
Ohio Beta Eta	1892	Mfg. Elec. Autos and Batteries
Missouri Gamma Rho	1910	Electrical Engineer
New York Alpha Omicron	1882	Principal, S. Denver High School
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1907	Deputy County Treasurer
Nebraska Gamma Theta	1902	Salesman
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1903	Salesman, Denver Marble & Granite Co.
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1903	Cattleman
Alabama Beta Delta	1896	County Physician
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1903	Merchant
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1904	Clerk
Ohio Beta Eta	1905	Clerk
Rhode Island Gamma Delta	1903	City Editor, Denver Times
Alabama Beta Delta	1894	Supt. County Poor Farm
Ohio Alpha Psi	1893	Lutheran Clergyman
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1902	Physician and Surgeon
Nebraska Gamma Theta	1897	Merchandise Broker
Ohio Beta Eta	1889	Prof. Manual Training School
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1906	Shipping Clerk
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1909	Insurance
North Carolina Alpha Delta	1882	Drug Salesman
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1912	Surveyor
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1908	Architect
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1907	Attorney
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1909	Bank Clerk
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1904	Insurance
Florida Alpha Omega	1910	Booking Clerk
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1903	Attorney
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1901	County Judge
Wisconsin Gamma Tau	1909	Y. M. C. A. Sec., Denver University
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1903	General Fire Insurance Agent
Michigan Beta Lambda	1889	Attorney
Vermont Beta Zeta	1903	Surety Bonds and Insurance
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1889	Physician, County Hospital
Kansas Gamma Mu	1904	U. S. Surveyor, General Land Office
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1901	Foreman of Refinery, U. S. Mint
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1904	Real Estate Broker
Indiana Gamma Gamma	1909	Auto Supplies

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BLACKMAN, ROY H.	Littleton
BOAK, HOWARD P.	Colorado Springs
CHASE, ROY E.	Boulder
CASSIDY, BARTON R.	Boulder
CALEY, JESS R.	Genoa
CORLETT, GEORGE M.	Monte Vista
CLAY, JOHN A.	Durango
CAILLET, CLYDE C.	Wellington
EMIGH, ALONZO M.	Pagosa Springs
FARR, HARRY WILSON	Greeley
FRANKS, WILBERT A.	Gunnison
FULLER, J. NORMAN	Monte Vista
GROSS, CHARLES A.	Boulder
GREENE, ELBERT D.	Pueblo
HAYMAN, MORTON F.	Fowler
HAGEN, F. E.	Boulder
HOOD, WILLIAM C.	Brighton
HOLMES, HORACE B.	Boulder
HENDERSON, HAMPTON S.	Grand Junction
HILL, ROBERT J.	Littleton
JENKINS, ALFRED K.	Arriba
KELLEY, WILLIAM R.	Greeley
KELLY, LEO P.	Pueblo
LOWELL, CHARLES L.	Ft. Collins
NUTTING, GEORGE W. M.	La Jara
MAYNARD, EDWARD A.	Englewood, R. D. No. 8
MCLAUTHLIN, CARL A.	Pueblo
PARTRIDGE, RALPH L.	San Acacio
SHRIBER, JOSEPH H.	Boulder
SMITH, CHARLES E.	Delta
SABIN, FREDERICK A.	La Junta
WILLIAMS, ARTHUR F.	Fort Morgan
WRIGHT, VERNON H.	Brighton

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Colorado Gamma Lambda	1901	Attorney
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1908	Boak Rubber Co.
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1904	U. S. Surveyor
Tennessee Beta Pi	1909	Alfalfa Milling
Nebraska Gamma Theta	1904	Cashier, Genoa State Bank
Nebraska Gamma Theta	1905	Attorney
California Gamma Iota	1900	Electrical Engineer.
Nebraska Gamma Theta	1906	Clerk
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1902	Attorney-at-law
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1905	Wholesale Produce Dealer
Ohio Beta Eta	1898	Supt. of Schools
Iowa Beta Upsilon	1905	Pharmacist
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1902	Clerk
Massachusetts Beta Gamma	1906	Electrical Engineer
Indiana Gamma Gamma	1909	Clerk
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1907	Registrar, Univ. of Colo.
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1906	Attorney-at-law
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1901	Real Estate
Alabama Alpha Epsilon	1894	Physician and Surgeon
Michigan Beta Kappa	1892	Mechanical Engineer
Michigan Beta Kappa	1891	Principal of Schools
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1904	Attorney-at-law
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1911	Attorney-at-law
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1908	Hardware Dealer
Kansas Gamma Mu	1901	Investments
Vermont Beta Zeta	1891	Clerk
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1907	Physician
Nebraska Gamma Theta	1905	Civil Engineer
Ohio Alpha Nu	1888	Supt. of Schools
Michigan Beta Omicron	1893	Teacher of Science
Michigan Beta Lambda	1885	Attorney
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1901	Physician
Colorado Gamma Lambda	1907	Attorney



A SATURDAY LUNCH—COLORADO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



## HILLSDALE AND MICHIGAN BETA KAPPA.

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Any chapter is indebted to a great extent for its ideals and character to the college to which it owes its existence, and of which it is such a vital part. Beta Kappa chapter has been especially fortunate in its alma mater, and the success of its twenty-six years' existence in Hillsdale College is due largely to the lofty ideals and noble traditions of this college, which boasts, as its only "aristocracy," that based on high character and studious and thrifty lives.

The city of Hillsdale is a happy medium between city and country—large enough to have an intelligent and cultivated society, churches of various connections, excellent public entertainments, water works, electric lights and gas, but too small to present the objectionable features of a large city as a place of residence for young people removed from the restrictions of home life.

Situated upon "College Hill" overlooking a small city of 5,000 population, a chain of lakes, and hills and dales, from which the city takes its name, Hillsdale College presents itself the home of five hundred students and many devoted alumni. The campus comprises twenty-five acres and makes for its college the prettiest grounds in Michigan. Class memorials, fountains, trees and shrubbery adorn these grounds and add greatly to its natural beauty. Six buildings contain the various classrooms, literary halls and other rooms characteristic of all colleges and indicative of their varied activities. These buildings are especially beautiful in the summer and present a fresh and homelike appearance to students and visitors. It is these material possessions which compose Hillsdale College materially and externally. Hillsdale's richest beauties are not however found in these material objects, but in a singular spirit which characterizes no other college, a spirit indefinable, one of democracy, sublimity and joyful companionship. It is a spirit of which all alumni are especially proud and one which is imbedded in the life and character of every student.



MICHIGAN BETA KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Hillsdale College was organized in 1844 as Michigan Central College, Spring Arbor, Michigan, but in 1853 was removed to its present location and in 1855 reorganized under its present name. The institution is maintained by voluntary endowment funds and has no connection with state regulation. It has a total endow-

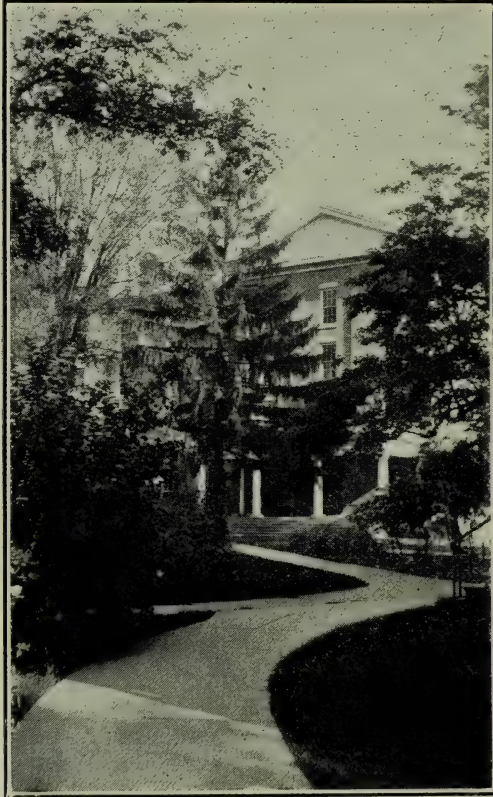


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ment of \$305,000, exclusive of buildings, grounds and equipment. Two pledges of \$30,000 each have been given recently on condition that \$30,000 be raised elsewhere. This will undoubtedly soon be raised. It offers as its major course, the regular collegiate Liberal Arts department. Courses are also offered in music, oratory,



fine arts, economics and business in separate departments. Hillsdale bestows only A. B. and A. M. degrees upon its graduate and post-graduate students. No attempt is made to prepare students thoroughly for engineering, law or medicine.



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The college has always been especially fortunate in its selection of instructors, and its faculty of twenty-five persons is always composed of men and women of rare ability, who instil in the minds of the students, not only the education to be received from books, but also that higher culture which is received from the inspiration of sterling character and right living.



Hillsdale's athletic relations with other schools are very close and friendly, the college being a member of the Michigan Intercollegiate Association in which it always ranks high. Last year, we won three championships—those of football, baseball and



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basketball—and we bid fair to have another banner season in all branches of athletics.

In oratory, too, Hillsdale holds an enviable record, last year winning second place in the men's and third place in the ladies' contest, out of nine contesting colleges. Debating also is rapidly gaining large recognition in intercollegiate interest. We have a

representative team this year, and a debate with Kalamazoo College is scheduled to occur in the near future.

The literary interests of the college are focused in four societies of unusual strength and stability. These furnish opportunities for students desiring to obtain valuable experience in public speaking and other literary work, thus insuring vigorous competition for college teams.

Thus, we see that Hillsdale is no exceptional college in its way, but a college striving for and attaining those ideals for which most small colleges strive. It is an exception only in its spirit and it is this of which it boasts.

The Greek world is represented at Hillsdale by the Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Tau Delta fraternities, and the Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi sororities. Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi were also at one time represented here by chapters, but these were dropped at one of the times when the resources of the college were at a low ebb, and have not since been restored.

The present organizations rent their chapter houses on "College Hill" and in these find real fraternity life. The organization of a Pan-Hellenic council did not prove successful, as certain of the fraternity members would not abide by its rulings. For this reason the present year finds no real organization among the fraternities, but conditions remain in general very satisfactory.

Alpha Tau strives to head all fraternities, mentally, morally and socially, and to a great extent is successful. It holds a position of which any fraternity should be extremely proud and one from which we hope to advance steadily upward.

Beta Kappa's latch string is always out, and we are extremely pleased to meet any Alpha Tau brother in our fraternity house at 350 West Street.

## THE NEW A. T. O. HOUSE AT STANFORD.

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Somewhat akin to an Arabian Nights tale is the history of Peta Psi's new home on the Stanford campus—a dream that had its inception and fulfillment within six months' time. To own a



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home of our own was but a hope in May of 1913, but a certain morning in October found us established in a chapter house which we are more than glad to say pertains to Alpha Tau Omega.

More, it is one of the finest fraternity homes to be found on the western coast, and certainly ranks among the first of the handsome buildings of its kind on the Stanford Farm. It comprises the combined ideas of the brothers of the chapter as to what a fraternity house should be in all respects. Spaciousness is one of its particular advantages, as it accommodates without effort a chapter roll of twenty-five. A massive grace of the exterior, and a

more sombre beauty of the interior, make it altogether the sort of a college home that is most enjoyable and pleasant withal.

A situation that commands an unbroken view mile after mile to San Francisco Bay and beyond, across the green Santa Clara Valley is one of the features of the new home. The university buildings, on the "Quad," are less than an eighth of a mile away, giving a convenience that is appreciated in busy moments. We occupy a place on Stanford's famous "Fraternity Row," the long curved avenue that is lined on both sides with fraternity and sorority houses.



DINING ROOM—STANFORD HOUSE.

Outside, the house presents a style that is unique, yet handsome. White in color, it is topped by a low sloping red roof of the Spanish type of architecture. The roof covers the two ends of the broad upstairs veranda, while across the front of the lower story extends another porch with an outlook through three broad arches. Steps to the street are at the center of the porch, while a porte-cochere brings up one end. The wide front door opens from the porch into the reception hall, a room thirty-two feet by twenty-one, which opens on the left into the living room and on the right



into the library. Directly opposite the front door is one of the massive brick fireplaces. Lying to the rear of the fireplace, and parallel with the reception hall, is another room of equal size, the dining room. It opens into the hall by doors on either side of the fireplace, and also opens by broad doors at either end into the living room and into the library, respectively.

The living room is forty feet by nineteen, and contains another great fireplace, the sojourn of the brothers on cold evenings. French doors lead from the living room to the front porch, whose long concrete floor provides a pleasant promenade. Opening



RECEPTION HALL—STANFORD HOUSE.

from the opposite end of the living room, toward the rear of the house, is the guest room, an apartment kept ready for the instant use of unexpected arrivals. A bathroom and a sleeping porch are part of the equipment of the guest room.

The library is well stocked with books. A study table and comfortable chairs invite the worker. The kitchen, pass pantry, pastry pantry and quarters for the Chinese servants comprise the remainder of the downstairs. In the basement are the furnaces for steam heat and for the hot water in the bathroom and



RECEPTION HALL—STANFORD HOUSE.

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showers, together with a storeroom for household supplies, and coal bins.

Sleeping porches are provided to accommodate thirty-four. In our western climate outdoor sleeping is a most enjoyable privilege, and full use is made of it. During the past winter the porches, of which there are six, were occupied by all the men. Five of the porches, including the guest-room porch, are roofed, while one is open to the sky. Single couches are used by the men exclusively.

In addition to the outdoor accommodations, twenty-five may sleep within doors. Study rooms are provided for that number, the brothers living two in a room, as at present. A shower room is on the second floor, in connection with the wash basins, which are in a locker room where each has his individual locker space.

On the second floor also is another guest room, especially for men, whereas the lower guest room is often opened to the mothers of the men, who may visit us.

At our annual formal dance, held this year on January 16th, one hundred and thirty young people were on the floor dancing, and at a recent banquet given at the house by the Geology and Mining Society of the university, seventy-five members were seated without difficulty at tables in the dining room and library. Thus the capacity of the house has not been taxed at any time, yet the number of people entertained has been unusually large for Stanford affairs. At the opening of the house, more than two hundred visited and were shown through the rooms.

Twenty thousand dollars has been the cost of the new home, exclusive of furnishings. Generous contributions from thoughtful friends have aided us materially in the latter item, and for the labor of keeping a watchful eye on all the particulars of the venture we are indebted more than we can say to our alumni and our friends of the university, particularly to Prof. Stewart Woodford Young, of the Stanford faculty, Cornell Beta Theta, '90.

WALKER S. CLUTE.



## THE GETTYSBURG FIRE.

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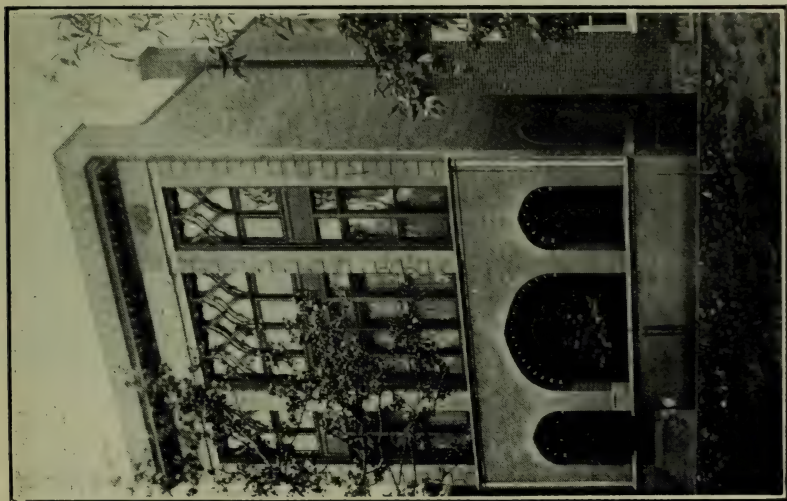
On Sunday morning, February 22, 1914, Alpha Upsilon suffered the most severe blow that she has ever experienced. At that time the chapter house was entirely gutted by fire and all the contents of the house destroyed, including all the fraternity records.

When the fire was discovered it was seen that the building was doomed and such a thing as getting out any of its contents was utterly impossible. Floor by floor the house gave way. The heavy pool table on the third floor came crashing down from story to story and several minutes later the roof followed, taking with it what remained of the various floors and the upper portions of several walls. The thick walls of the building prevented the fire from spreading and little damage was done to the adjoining property.

The origin of the fire is a complete mystery. On Saturday evening the fraternity entertained a number of guests, but all these left the house before midnight. At half past twelve the last fellow departed after pouring water on the open grate so that no damage could come from that source. It is hardly probable that the furnace could have started the fire, for this was very low all evening, necessitating a fire in the grate. The furnace fire was banked by several of the fellows before they closed up the place. The fire came when every one was enjoying his soundest sleep and it was very hard to arouse anybody. It was fully three quarters of an hour from the time the first whistle sounded until the fire apparatus appeared.

The structure destroyed was a tall three-story buff brick building with sandstone trimmings. Practically the entire front was of glass and the place presented a very attractive appearance. The first floor was used as a parlor and lounging room, the second





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for meeting purposes and the third was fitted up as a pool room. The building was complete in every detail and the fraternity feels its loss very keenly.

The house originally cost near \$8,000 and the chapter carried an insurance of about \$4,500. The active men are working hard to get things straightened up and are already planning another house which they hope will be completed in the near future.

J. CLYDE CASSIDY.



A. T. O. HOUSE AT MINNESOTA.



MINNESOTA GAMMA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



## The Editor's Views

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The Fraternity has been most appropriately honored by the appointment of its beloved Founder, Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, to the high office of United States Consul to Jerusalem.

Any one cognizant of the peculiarly close personal relations that have for many years existed between President Wilson and Doctor Glazebrook might have confidently predicted that the present Administration would certainly invite the Founder to accept a position of honor and trust. Thus, in the very early days of the Administration's life several most flattering offers of positions were made to him, but his years and health required a post of duty, that while honorable and important in standing, did not require that degree of constant personal attention to detail work as to exhaust health or vigor. Accordingly, these offers were rejected until the opportunity of serving American interests at Jerusalem was presented which was readily accepted. To one of Doctor Glazebrook's calling, service in the Holy Land affords a compensation not to be estimated in dollars and cents. That he will fill his office with honor and fidelity is beyond all doubt.

Naturally, the acceptance of the office and his departure for Jerusalem required his resignation as chairman of the High Council, although he still retains his place as a member of the Council. Doctor Glazebrook's connection with the High Council dates from the very inception of that important functionary. The High Council was created by the Baltimore Congress of 1878 and at the first election of members thereof Doctor Glazebrook was elected and has ever since retained his position. During most of these long years of service he has been the chairman. Indeed, he has been chairman during all of this long period except that during 1879 and 1880 Joseph R. Anderson was chairman and



during the term of office of his son, Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook, in the office of Worthy Grand Chief, E. J. Shives and N. Wiley Thomas held the position of chairman.

No other fraternity can present such a record of service by any of its founders. Many other fraternities have come into being under circumstances quite as interesting as those which inspired the establishment of Alpha Tau Omega. They have grown strong and prosperous as has Alpha Tau Omega. But in most instances founders of fraternities have been content to set up the organization and allow it to shift for itself. Indeed, not a few of our Greek neighbors have had some difficulty in establishing their fraternity and have instituted exhaustive searches for the identity of their founders. Not so with Alpha Tau Omega. Doctor Glazebrook was not content to breathe the breath of life into the Fraternity, but for many years he was and still is its leader, its guide, the source and fountain of its aspirations. And now although the oceans separate us, although he is located in a strange land, and although he has relinquished the active direction of our affairs, he will nevertheless be the most potent force within the Fraternity for the accomplishment of the great objects he sought to effectuate by the organization of Alpha Tau Omega.

His successor in the office of chairman of the High Council is Rev. Paul R. Hickok. Brother Hickok comes to his high office well equipped both by ability and experience to discharge the duties of the position with vigor, judgment and wisdom. Paul R. Hickok is one of the Fraternity's younger men whom it has always delighted to honor. At the Boston Congress of 1900 he was elected Worthy Grand Chaplain; from 1902 to 1904 he was the Chief of Province VII; from 1908 to 1910 he was Worthy Grand Chief and since then has been a member of the High Council. In every position he has displayed positive genius for planning and carrying forward large constructive projects of immense value to the Fraternity. Added to this are those splendid qualities of heart and mind that have irresistibly drawn men under his leadership and made him one of the most efficient servants the Fraternity has ever had. His term as Worthy Grand Chief will be long remembered as one of the most progressive administrations in all our history, and during his term in his new office we shall expect

no diminution of that same unselfish devotion to duty that has made his name a household word throughout the Alpha Tau world.



It is not too early to say something concerning the forthcoming Congress at Nashville. The PALM has had reports from the Nashville brethren who are already engaged in making plans for the social entertainment of those who attend the Congress either as delegates or visitors.

Nor is it too early to impress upon our membership the importance of a large representation at Congress. The wonderful administration of Worthy Grand Chief Giffin has produced a large number and variety of questions requiring discussion and decision. And for these tasks the best talent of the Fraternity must be enlisted. Let there be a great outpouring of Alpha Taus upon Nashville if for no other purpose than to pay a personal tribute to the little genius who now presides so acceptably and so eminently capably in the highest executive office of the Fraternity.

Then, too, the Nashville Congress will constitute a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity. The High Council has already recognized the importance of fittingly celebrating the event and has appointed a committee for that purpose. Alpha Tau Omega is getting along in years and each tenth anniversary of her birth should be made the occasion of something more than ordinary in the way of festive celebration.



The Class of 1914 is going out into the world to fight for and achieve its place in the world's work. With the graduation of the class the active relations of some four hundred young men with their Fraternity ceases and, true to our custom, we have a special message for them upon the eve of their departure.

For one, two, three, four or more years these young men have enjoyed the privileges of that rare fellowship which only Alpha Tau Omega can confer. Alpha Tau Omega has bestowed upon them its choicest gifts and blessed them abundantly with the rich heritage of the Fathers. Into their lives have come nothing of bitterness through their connections with Alpha Tau Omega, but

much of sweetness, of love, of friendship. In the years that shall come, when perchance the dregs of bitter experience shall blister the tongue and harden the heart, when the cold blasts of an unsympathetic world shall wither now budding hopes, when the lofty and youthful aspirations shall have been frustrated and destroyed, then the recollection of the sweet hours of communion with Alpha Tau Omega will be the one staff of comfort and consolation. Indeed, we sometimes wonder whether it is not altogether true that one of the incalculable benefits of a college course is the pleasant recollections that one stores within him against the day when the lonely heart and the broken spirit cries out for a sympathy that the old world never supplies.

But he who accepts the bounty of Alpha Tau Omega realizes full well the obligation its acceptance imposes. Our secret work teaches that no one may accept of our gifts without returning in kind. Thus, on the eve of departure, we desire to again remind our young men, soon to be young alumni, of their obligations to Alpha Tau Omega. Graduation changes no man's relation to the Fraternity. His membership does not cease and his obligations are not eradicated. Indeed, if anything, the obligations are, by reason of the enlarged opportunities now available to the alumnus, correspondingly increased. Alpha Tau Omega expects more of its alumni than of its active members, and the Class of 1914 forms no exception. However great may be the name and fame of any of these young men in the years to come, still Alpha Tau Omega will continue to measure them in the future as in the past by the quality and quantity of their devotion and loyalty to the ideals, the principles and the welfare of the Fraternity.

Alpha Tau Omega expects every man to do his duty!



Worthy Grand Chief Giffin has sent us a copy of a circular letter addressed to the grand officers and province chiefs relating to the scholastic standing of some of our chapters from which we quote the following:

The following data concerning the scholastic standing of some of our chapters compiled from various fraternity magazines may be of interest:

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>No. of Fraternities</i>	<i>Scholastic rank of our Chapter</i>
Colby.....	1912-1913	5	2
Michigan.....	1912-1913	25	4
Chicago... ..	1912-1913	17	1
Chicago... ..	1913-1914		
	(1st quarter)	18	1
Illinois.....	1912-1913	24	10
Illinois.....	1913-1914		
	(1st semester)	27	8
Virginia.....	1912-1913	23	14
Minnesota.....	1912-1913	20	14
Kansas .....	1912-1913	9	5
Univ. of the South..	1913-1914		
	(last quarter)	6	1
Ga. Inst. of Tech....	1914		
	(1st term)	11	2
Tulane.....	1912-1913	13	4
Cornell.....	1911-1912	42	24
Cornell .....	1912-1913	51	38
Iowa State.....	1912-1913		
	(last half)	18	11
Western Reserve....	1912-1913	9	4
Missouri.....	1912-1913		
	(2d semester)	14	7

(Our chapter and Acacia were the only ones at Missouri which went through the year without flunks.)

These figures are a source of considerable gratification to the PALM. For years we have advocated closer attention to the attainment of scholastic ends and we are glad to note that some of the seed planted long ago is ripening into fruit.

In this connection, we desire to print a letter from Walter M. Leonard, of the Ohio Gamma Kappa chapter, now a student at Rush Medical College, Chicago, which will be of interest to the whole Fraternity:

As a loyal and "progressive" Alpha Tau from Ohio Gamma Kappa (Western Reserve), and now a graduate student in medicine at the University of Chicago, I have been taking considerable interest in the chapter here, Illinois Gamma Xi. Accordingly I was immensely pleased when I found the enclosed article in this morning's *Daily Maroon*, the university paper. [Article enclosed states that Chicago chapter stands first in scholarship.]



I would suggest that in the next number of the PALM you give the chapter especial recognition for their achievement, as you will find by reference to their chapter letter in the June, 1913, PALM, they also won the scholarship honors for last year.

This is quite a record and I feel should be given proper recognition, not only for the good it will do them, but to point out to other chapters their possibilities, which are apt to be overlooked in the press of other social and campus activities. Scholarship is one of the *first ideals* of Alpha Tau and when it is won in such a large university as Chicago and against such competition as the eighteen other chapters here give, we should certainly *laud their victory*.

The chapter's Worthy Master, Erling Lunde, is my ideal of what a Worthy Master should be—he is constantly and constructively working for the betterment of the chapter along the highest ideals of our fraternity—and in addition is probably the most popular man on the campus, being president of the student council which is the most active body on the campus.

May I express my gratitude for your splendid services to the fraternity in making the PALM a journal to be proud of, and accept my personal respects.



Knowing our desire to reproduce in these pages any newspaper clippings concerning our alumni, our readers have supplied us with more than a peck of news articles, editorials, cartoons, etc., relating to Ambassador Page's recent speech on the Monroe Doctrine and the Panama Canal. To be entirely consistent with our policy we should probably have published these items in the department devoted to our alumni. However, the subject is one of world-wide interest and has been so thoroughly covered from every angle of observation by other publications that it will avail nothing to republish the matter in these pages. We have concluded, therefore, to dismiss the incident from these pages only adding our personal view that the event reveals nothing for which Alpha Tau Omega has the slightest cause for concern. Ambassador Page has given a good account of his stewardship and we of his fraternity, who know him so more intimately than all the world besides, know that when his term shall have expired America will have good and sufficient grounds upon which to base its continued and abiding admiration for Walter Hines Page.

The handbook authorized by the Louisville Congress has been printed and bound and is now in the hands of Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals William C. Smiley for distribution to the chapters upon the reopening of the schools after the summer vacation.

The book was printed by the PALM printer and we had occasion to examine it as it went through the press. The Fraternity is to be heartily congratulated in having a handbook so complete and so comprehensive, yet so succinct and lucid as that produced by the matchless compiler. The little book does not only contain every detail that properly belongs there, but also states those details in a manner so entirely logical and so clearly that the most verdant freshman or the dullest senior can readily understand what is required and expected of each chapter by the national Fraternity. The book will prove to be the most useful piece of literature ever published by Alpha Tau Omega.

The Fraternity is under many deep and lasting obligations to "Uncle Bill" Smiley and not among the least of these is his superb work on the handbook.



Why are grand and national officers compelled to sit up o' nights to devise new ways and means to teach the young men of the chapters the aims and spirit of democracy? Why will young college men, especially young men in Greek-letter fraternities, imagine that they constitute an aristocracy, privileged to lord it over their more unfortunate comrades? And all this in a democracy!

Would it not be well if national officers once in a while—say at least once every decade—told these same young gentlemen that instead of constituting an aristocratic class they are in reality almost paupers or, at least, objects of charity! In any event, not one of them pay the bare cost of the education they secure. Endowments, state appropriations, gifts, donations, charity—these support and keep him, shelter him, and educate him. If he had to pay the cost of all he receives he might have less time to take on regal airs and no money with which to purchase the privileges of princes.

The American college boy has no right to be a snob and the one great blot upon the American educational system is that it has not inculcated the spirit of democracy, of brotherhood, of universal fraternity among the students of our colleges.



The Gettysburg chapter has the sympathy of the entire Fraternity in the loss of its fine, commodious chapter house. It is to be sincerely regretted that nowadays so many chapter houses are allowed to become the prey of flames. Within the past decade not less than five houses owned by chapters of Alpha Tau Omega have been partially or completely destroyed by fire. No doubt, the fires have usually been caused by unknown means, but in some instances, at least, they have been due to carelessness. We think that the boys in the chapter should realize the great responsibility committed to them in the ownership and possession of a house and that every precaution should be taken to prevent their loss by fire.

This suggestion must not be construed into a criticism of the Gettysburg fire, for we do not know that the fire originated in carelessness. But the lesson is worth while teaching just the same to the Gettysburg as well as the other chapters. The spirit of the sign so frequently seen these days, "Safety First," should become the guiding star of the internal management of every chapter house.



We have been pleased to note the large number of Greek journals that have quoted parts or all of the editorial in the December (1913) PALM upon the matter of conferring larger powers upon the Inter-Fraternity Conference. Many of the magazines have been kind enough to endorse our views and thus far no one has spoken in opposition to them.

When we reflect that at the last Conference a resolution embodying our views was presented by Worthy Grand Chief Giffin and rejected by that body without debate we are forced to the conclusion that either the magazines or the Inter-Fraternity Conference delegates do not truly represent the spirit of the Greek world. More than ten years' experience in this work teach



us that the Greek magazines are beyond all doubt the true criteria whereby the sentiment of the Greeks may be accurately gauged. It follows that, as we then suspected, that the Inter-Fraternity Conference did not act in accordance with the wishes of its vast constituency when it refused to investigate the advisability of securing executive, judicial and legislative powers.

The Greek world should be advised that the resolution offered by our Worthy Grand Chief contemplated only an investigation into the project. It did not commit the Conference to anything. It did not commit the several fraternities to anything. The resolution provided that a committee should be appointed to investigate and to report the results of such investigation to the next Conference. This resolution, at the behest of one whose tongue lacks judgment, was promptly and decisively tabled.

We trust that the resolution will be offered to this year's Conference. We believe that the discussion of the project which has since ensued has brought conviction and that the 1914 Conference will not harken to the suggestion "that men dare not follow the footsteps of women."



We are sometimes told that we emphasize entirely too much the unpleasant experiences we are required to face as editor of the PALM. We have written reams upon the subject during these past ten years. Some of the earlier numbers published by this management contain more complaints than one of Mrs. Caudle's curtain lectures. But we have never been able to put it quite so well nor so cleverly as has the new editor of the *Delta Chi Quarterly*, and we are publishing it here so that Alpha Tau Omega may know that it enjoys no special privilege in having a grouchy editor. Moreover, since we have experienced all that our Delta Chi brother has passed through—and more—we think his story will tell ours also.

It is one of the principal duties of an editor to write editorials. The new editor of the *Quarterly* has just one editorial in his system at this time. But it is one concerning a matter which ought to be of vital interest to every member of the fraternity.

Coming to the business managership of the *Quarterly* several years ago from an extensive acquaintance with the publishing business, the present editor planned to make the *Quarterly* a bigger and better magazine than it



ever had been. He believed he could enlist enough support from alumni members so that from the expected increase in the number of subscribers at \$1.50 per year, he would not only be able to put more pages of a better quality of reading matter—and on better paper—into the *Quarterly*, but might also push the paid circulation up to a point where it would command the respect of advertisers, particularly of law book publishers.

So he began by using the ordinary methods of stimulating circulation. Circulation letters and follow-up systems were pressed into service.

But it became apparent within a short time that these were not bringing results. There was an apathy among the alumni which could not be overcome; and it still exists.

The next plan was to put out a better *Quarterly* in the hope that the sight of it when sent as a sample copy to a selected list of alumni would arouse their interest to the extent of a prompt remittance of \$1.50.

But the remittances failed to materialize.

As a third step the business manager cut down the cost of printing the magazine by using a cheaper paper and reducing the size of the pages so that they could be cut from standard sheets instead of requiring a special size of stock. This attracted attention enough, but of one kind only. If there is a subscriber, active or alumnus, who failed to register a kick at the change in the quality of the *Quarterly* last semester he will have to prove his alibi to the then business manager. The complaints were general and unanimous. Nobody liked it.

Then came the convention last fall, and there was a revival of interest for a month or two as a result of which it was thought that a good issue in contrast with the previous few might prove that the *Quarterly* is worth supporting after all.

So the good issue, the last one previous to this one, was put out and congratulatory letters came in by the dozen. Thinking that the time was ripe for a new circulation of the alumni an elaborate campaign was planned and carried out.

And this was the result.

Two thousand letters, each mailed two months ago and each containing a reprinted article from the December 1st *Quarterly* and a return envelope, have brought back to date exactly four subscriptions with money and eight without, which is a total return of three-fifths of one per cent., and which paid just exactly two-fifths of the postage bill.

Out of four circularizing campaigns carried out within eighteen months none paid half of the postage bill.

It has cost considerable money and time to demonstrate that subscription campaigns among the alumni are absolutely useless. And useless they are. Therefore, it is time to quit—and quit at once is what the new editor is going to do.

But this is not the worst feature of the situation. Over and above all of the foregoing, the fact remains that alumni *subscribers* do not, and

evidently will not, pay for their subscriptions. Two years ago the system of sending a bill for the year in advance, as is the custom with all "regular" publications, was adopted. This brought only fair returns. After every issue three-fourths of the expired subscriptions required two letters to get their "yes" or "no" as to renewal; over half need three letters, and about 40 per cent. get the fourth communication, after which we have learned to quit in disgust. Thus it costs about ten cents to collect \$1.50, and in addition there is usually at least five cents exchange on the check.

These are small items, it is true, but it is a collection of small items that means the difference between profit and loss on a publication such as the *Delta Chi Quarterly*.

Then, as if this were not enough, we almost forgot to mention that it has been by no means unusual for a brother Delt to write us an insulting letter because we had the temerity to ask him if he would please pay his subscription in advance, just as he pays for his other magazines.

The average cost of the last eight issues has been over \$275 each. The income from the fraternity is one dollar per year per active man, which means \$125 per issue, of which the business manager gets only \$100 at a time, being compelled to wait for the rest until the end of the school year, at which time an adjustment is made.

Over two years of labor have resulted in securing only 200 alumni subscribers for which the \$1.50 is paid in advance. This means an average income of \$200 per issue, which can be counted upon with certainty. This is less than cost.

An item of this cost is the extra number of copies of the *Quarterly* which it has heretofore been considered good policy to print and distribute regularly to those who were once subscribers and refuse or neglect to continue.

Now, after careful consideration of all of the foregoing, the new editor has formulated a policy. His policy is this.

Beginning with the issue of May 1st he will cut his coat to fit his cloth, and the *Quarterly* will be trimmed and cheapened to the *point where it can be paid for each time it is issued by the amount of money which the editor can actually count on receiving*.

In other words the expense of putting out the *Quarterly* will not run over \$200 an issue. And if the paper stock is not as good as it has been, and if there are not as many pages, and if a few other things are the matter with the publication, it will be the result only of such good business management as characterizes—and *must* characterize—the handling of any and all publications that are not endowed or cannot find an "angel."

It would seem deplorable that the active members must get less of a book than has been the case in the past because of the dereliction of the alumni. But actually that is not the case. As a matter of fact the active members have been getting a better book in the past than the income of the *Quarterly* justified because of the expectation that the alumni would help support it, which idea has been put to sleep.

## The Greeks

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### FRATERNITIES GROWING APACE.

Since last reported the following new chapter grants have been noted in the exchanges:

#### FRATERNITIES.

A  $\Sigma$   $\Phi$  at California, Ohio Wesleyan, Nebraska and Massachusetts Agricultural.

$\Sigma$  X at North Carolina, Williams and Colorado.

$\Pi$  K A at Penn State, Rutgers and Kansas Agricultural.

$\Phi$  K  $\Psi$  at Penn State and Iowa State (Ames).

B  $\Theta$   $\Pi$  at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Utah.

$\Sigma$  N at Maine.

$\Sigma$  A E at Pittsburgh.

$\Phi$   $\Gamma$   $\Delta$  at Williams (revived).

$\Delta$  T  $\Delta$  at Oregon.

$\Sigma$   $\Phi$  E at Denver.

$\Sigma$   $\Pi$  at California.

$\Phi$   $\Sigma$  K at St. John's (Maryland) (revived).

$\Sigma$   $\Phi$  at California.

$\Delta$  Y at Iowa State (Ames).

K A (N) at Pennsylvania.

$\Psi$  Y at Williams.

#### SORORITIES.

$\Delta$   $\Delta$   $\Delta$  at Judson (Alabama), Wesleyan (Georgia), Cornell, Arkansas, Drury, Nevada, John B. Stetson (Florida) and Wyoming.

X  $\Omega$  at Miami, Ohio University, Coe, Cincinnati.

$\Delta$   $\Gamma$  at Toronto, Iowa, Swarthmore and Oregon.

$\Phi$  M at Missouri, Adelphi, Texas and Whitman (Wash.).

K A  $\Theta$  at Washington State and Cincinnati.

Π Β Φ at Randolph-Macon.

Γ Φ Β at Illinois.

Α Γ Δ at Boston.

Α Δ Π at Wittenberg and California.

Κ Κ Γ at Oregon.

Α Χ Ω at Milliken.

At the eleventh triennial session of the national council of the honorary fraternity *Φ Β Κ*, held in New York City last September, the charter of the chapter at the University of Alabama was restored, and charters were granted for chapters at the University of Georgia, the University of North Dakota, the University of Washington, Washington University (St. Louis), Lawrence College (Wisconsin), Carlton College (Minnesota), Pomona College (California) and Radcliffe College (woman's annex of Harvard University). An application from Rhodes scholars for a charter for a chapter at the University of Oxford was refused. The *Φ Β Κ Key* says:

"Peculiar interest attached to the petition of our brethren among the Rhodes scholars at Oxford. All felt an impulse of sympathy for those young fellow-countrymen of ours in their ambition to plant a chapter of *Φ Β Κ* in the venerable English university. Still the great majority of the delegates were not convinced that the attempt would be wise. Those who expressed themselves in favor were comparatively few."

Application from Pennsylvania College, Drake University and Randolph-Macon Woman's College (Virginia), all approved by the senate, were laid over until the 1916 council, without prejudice. Applications from Butler College, University of Wooster (Ohio) and Lake Forest University (Illinois), not yet approved by the senate, also were laid over until 1916.

*Φ Β Κ* now has 86 chapters. Of these, seven are at institutions where fraternities do not exist—Princeton, Haverford, Oberlin, Grinnell, Lawrence, Carlton and Pomona, and six are at colleges exclusively for women—Radcliffe, Wellesley, Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Vassar and Goucher.—*Scroll of Φ Δ Θ*.

A fraternity that was not included in the last edition of "Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities" is *Σ Ι*. It was founded ten years ago at Louisiana State University. It is said to be represented at universities in Spain, Germany, Switzerland and England. In this country there are chapters at Louisiana, Georgia, Rensselaer, Cornell and Syracuse.

The purpose of the fraternity in America is to promote the study of Spanish and to establish a bond between the Americans and the students from Latin-American countries. In Europe the fraternity aims to let the Europeans know something of the universities in the United States and other American countries.—*Rainbow of Δ Τ Δ*.



Two national law sororities,  $\Phi \Delta \Delta$  and  $K B \Phi$ , are in existence. The latter was founded at Chicago-Kent, and the former has its Alpha chapter at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.  $\Phi \Delta \Delta$  has three chapters, one each at University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Washington College of Law, Washington, D. C., and Chicago-Kent College of Law.

$\Theta \Sigma \Phi$ , another women's professional fraternity, has been in existence for over a year. It is purely honorary, being devoted to the interests of journalism, as is  $\Sigma \Delta X$ , the men's honorary journalistic society.  $\Theta \Sigma \Phi$  was founded at the University of Washington, Seattle, and has since established several chapters, among them being those at Indiana University, Wisconsin and Ohio State University.—*Greek Exchange*.

The University of Chicago has the honor of being the mother of a new fraternity.  $B \Phi$ , which existed secretly for the last two years, has been recognized by the students and faculty. They have established chapters in the University of Illinois, Northwestern University and Armour Institute, obtaining the rank of a national.—*Exchange*.

$ON$  is the only national honorary fraternity for women in the country and was established at Michigan Agricultural College, April 16, 1912.

The name of this fraternity is taken from the Greek, meaning "to manage a household," and the object is to further home economics and scholarship among students. The basis of the constitution is the same as those of  $\Sigma \Xi$  and  $\Phi B K$ .

The need of such a society is evident from the rapidity with which it is being accepted. Scholarship and high standing in home economics work demand recognition as well as in the arts and sciences.

The members are chosen from the senior class in the fall term and from the junior class in the spring. The number of eligible members is limited by the size of the two classes.

Requirements for membership are good scholarship, personality, initiative and executive ability and capability along the line of home economics.—*Angelos of K \Delta*.



#### CURRENT VIEWS ON EXPANSION.

Apropos of the list of new fraternity chapters the most notable fact is the expansion of the more conservative fraternities.  $K A$  (Northern),  $\Psi' Y$ ,  $\Sigma \Phi$ ,  $X \Psi$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$  and  $X \Phi$  have recently embraced favorable opportunities to enlarge their chapter roll.  $\Delta \Psi$ , which has chartered but one school since 1869, is considering an application from Cornell University.  $K A$  (Northern), whose last chapter was placed at McGill University in 1899, established

its eighth chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, by lifting the entire chapter of  $\Sigma \Pi$ , one of the younger fraternities.  $\Pi K A$ , long restricted to the southern states, is rapidly pressing its invasion into the North. Extension has progressed rapidly in the West and Middle West, but only moderately in the East, while the South has hardly been touched.

The sororities especially have been active, almost radical in their policy of expansion, not only the younger ones but even the older such as  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$  and  $\Delta \Gamma$ .

Our exchanges present the views of their respective members on expansion from time to time and a digest of these is made below.

Probably the most important topic under discussion was "Fraternity Expansion," led by Bro. Brightman. Bro. Brightman briefly outlined the policy of  $K \Sigma$  in the past, and demanded more conservatism in the granting of new charters. Bro. Brightman advocated strongly the plan of requiring a favorable vote by all the chapters in the district before the establishment of a new chapter in that respective district.

A resolution to this effect, whereby the conclave should put itself on record as favoring such a plan for the granting of new charters, was introduced. No definite action was taken. The question caused considerable discussion, and all the delegates were of the opinion that the wiser policy for  $K \Sigma$  is to build up the weaker chapters instead of further expanding.—*Caduceus of K Σ*.

Within the last quarter century we have seen a great shifting of the fraternity field. The East, with its small church colleges, yielded place at about the beginning of this period to the rapidly growing Middle West. This section, in turn, gave place to the West, with its great state universities—backed by rapid increase in wealth, marvelous growth of population and ripening culture. No matter what an institution's age, traditions or atmosphere may be, its value as a fraternity field depends on the quality and number of students it can attract. Today we find men of the best fraternity type turning in greater and greater numbers to the technical schools, or to the universities with strong technical and professional departments. This fact has caused a further upheaval in the fraternity world. The fraternities that were far-sighted enough to anticipate this evolution, and were able to take advantage of it, have been carried along by the mere force of the movement to positions of commanding importance in the Greek world.—*Rainbow of Δ T Δ*.

With regard to the same subject, President George Smart, of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , says: "I am deeply impressed by the importance of our fraternity grasping good opportunities for establishing strong chapters west of the

Mississippi. I am unable to see that the South or the East offers any inviting field for us to enter. The mighty West is growing rapidly, is giving splendid support to its state institutions."

We have no wish to urge upon the chapters any scheme for the undue expansion of the fraternity, but we do wish that more intelligent attention was paid to this important matter. The wisdom which has dictated the establishment of all of our recent chapters has been amply justified by their successful careers and present prosperity, and we find no fault with what has been done in the past. But while the field for new chapters is not very large, it should be occupied by us while there is opportunity to secure a firm foothold at the institutions worthy of our attention. The difficulty is that each petition is presented *ex parte*. The applicants urge everything in their favor and naturally arouse opposition in the minds of those who feel that exaggeration and vociferation form no proper basis for action. We think this matter ought to be considered from the standpoint of what is best for *B Θ Π*. We believe that a proper committee composed of alumni and undergraduates might be appointed at the next convention to study this question in detail and present a report to the following convention. This committee which should be composed of alumni and undergraduates representing all shades of opinion should make an effort actually to learn what are proper institutions from which we might favorably consider applications for charters. It should consider the endowment, resources and probable future of each institution under observation and should also consider its value as a locality for the establishment of a chapter of the fraternity having due regard to the chapters now established and likely to be. If a policy to be followed were formulated as a result of such study of conditions, it would relieve the fraternity of the necessity of devoting so much time at conventions to the discussion of facts concerning colleges about which there is really no room for discussion at all because they are not matters of opinion but matters of record. For instance, we did not determine for some years to enter the universities of Minnesota, Nebraska and Missouri and repeatedly refused opportunities offered to us to do so, and yet the wisdom of doing so was clearly apparent at all times. We might have had many more alumni to back up these chapters had we not been so short-sighted. We ought to have entered the University of Illinois long before we did, and Oregon and Colorado also. There are applicants now clamoring at our doors whose appeal ought to be determined upon grounds of broad policy instead of as now upon the hasty summary of the impression created by undergraduate representatives. And we have within the past ten years placed chapters under the impulse of urging by popular Betas where a committee like the one suggested would have prevented it. We made no mistake, but we might in some cases have done better.—*William R. Baird, B Θ Π.*



There are twenty-one of the forty chapters of *ΔΥ* within a radius of three hundred miles of New York City, three chapters on the Pacific Coast and one half-way between.

All of the chapters constantly are expending time and energy to bring new material into the fold. Is this effort as effective as it might be? Could we not increase our numbers, modifying the attack, by covering more of the intermediate ground—this without lessening or increasing the present sum-total of effort?

Our plan of placing intermediate chapters is evidenced in but a single instance in fifteen years. This lone one is five hundred miles from any sister chapter to the east, and seventeen hundred miles from the three on the Pacific Coast. It is a far cry from Colby to California.

But this is not a selfish appeal made for expansion by one hundred and sixty-five men. Neither is it intended as adverse criticism of past policy. Furthermore, it were foolish and useless to attack wisdom proven in the main. It is desired simply to present anew the middle-ground of truth in the interest of the fraternity as a whole.

Assuming that we should have paid more attention to the middle-ground ten years ago, as might be agreed to by both sides to the question in hand, is it now too late to retrieve? In taking advantage of the situation today, will we lose dignity or prestige? The writer thinks not. "Like seeks like" still. But, granting the assumption, the handicap is slight. The ground floor is not half covered. Less than fifteen per cent. of the men enrolled in any of the state universities selected are members of fraternities.

These institutions are in their infancy comparatively. The oldest among them is about fifty years of age, and their greatest development has been within the last quarter of a century.

In his "Manual of American College Fraternities," Baird says: "Much of this inertia (of the older fraternities) is due to a false conservatism. It has contributed largely to the rapid, and it must be said, excellent growth of some of the younger fraternities whose members have wisely seized the golden opportunities spurned by their slower rivals.—*ΔΥ Quarterly*.

In 1871 *ΦΚΨ* had an opportunity to plant a chapter at California University. If "conservatism" had not interfered, we would now have behind our boys there forty years of graduates. Doctor Smith organized a petitioning body at Lehigh, which was turned down by the vote of one chapter, and promptly taken by *ΨΥ* with good results. A fine body of fellows at Texas sought a charter just a quarter of a century ago, and it was refused, because forsooth "Texas was not up to our standard." Just think what our chapter could do now with the backing of twenty-five years, and that university as rich as Croesus. For years Nebraska and Missouri were actually kept out of the fraternity on the plea that it



"would injure us" with societies which had chapters at Kenyon, Middlebury, Hobart, Hamilton and Union! The  $X \Psi$  fraternity entered the University of Minnesota in 1874, seven years before any other and fourteen before  $\Phi K \Psi$ . Minnesota is now among the six first schools on this continent. There are now eight state institutions in the South and twelve in the West which easily outrank the Minnesota of 1874, and in none of the twenty has  $\Phi K \Psi$  ever had a chapter. Any of them is readily superior to the Williams of 1880, for instance.  $\Phi K \Psi$  must lean toward one of the two methods.

Those who have felt like taking  $A \Delta \Phi$  and  $\Psi \Gamma$  and  $\Delta \Phi$  as their patterns should note the heroic effort being made to modernize those societies. Our own fraternity must learn from the stagnation of others to keep pace with the country's pace. . . . We should know what is going on in the college world. Perhaps every other western state excels Nevada in wealth, population and future prospects. Kenyon has had chapters of  $\Psi \Gamma$ ,  $A \Delta \Phi$  and  $\Delta K E$  for fifty years. Suppose you begin at the bottom by securing the figures and comparing the incomes, endowment, faculties, curriculums and attendance of Kenyon and the University of Nevada. If Nevada is as fine a school as Kenyon, of course, "exclusiveness" is simply a snobbish myth and  $\Phi K \Psi$  must catch step with the progress of our country.—*The Shield of  $\Phi K \Psi$* .

At a recent convention of  $\Delta \Gamma$ , George Banta addressed the delegates on the subject of expansion and it is a pleasure to reprint his remarks as written in *The Anchor*:

College conditions in this country require an organization or system of organizations to fulfill the needs of the students. The lack of dormitories brought into existence the chapter house problem. I am not attacking the fraternity system, but yet it is necessary to say that in the remarkable period through which we have just passed, the fraternity system went wrong and the new thought which has grown up in America, the new political thought, the new democracy, has taken into consideration the fraternity system. There would be no attack made upon the fraternities in Wisconsin were it not for the peculiar political and public thought. The fraternities have turned away from the original plans and ideas of the fathers and mothers who founded them. Originally fraternities were very democratic organizations. This turning away from the idea of the fathers and mothers, the abandonment of the idea of democracy in the fraternities is the fundamental cause of our trouble.

I consider expansion one of the remedies. Problems of fraternities and sororities are the same. There are a number of things to be done. There are some things that the fraternities by themselves must do, and some things the sororities must do, and some things common to all.

In Wisconsin there are not enough fraternity men and not enough fraternity women. No deep-rooted general fraternity sentiment is in

that state. The strength of the fraternity cause in Indiana, lies in the fact that there are so many chapters. Liberal expansion policy is the cause of this.

There are two contracting ideas which dominate sorority and fraternity life. You either are something good with a duty to the world around you or merely a club. It must be answered by your deeds.

It is not my idea to foist the doctrine of expansion on this body, but I simply believe that expansion is one of the functions of the organizations. If the club idea is merely the object of the fraternity, then non-expansion is the answer to the question.

Similar ideas are expressed by Walter B. Palmer in *The Greek Exchange*. We reprint it below and call our readers' especial attention to the wisdom of the ideas expressed. We will do well to be guided by Mr. Palmer's words.

I believe for their own preservation fraternities must give up the idea of forming a small aristocratic class, closely bound cliques and exclusive social coteries. The new spirit of democracy will not submit to it. It would be wise, I believe, for fraternity men in all colleges and universities to encourage other students to organize groups, with the view of obtaining charters from fraternities already founded, or failing in that of becoming affiliated with similar groups in other institutions, thus founding new fraternities. Fraternity men should not only throw no obstacles in the way, as they have often unwisely done, but should actively aid in such efforts at organization.

Every fraternity man realizes the charm and benefits of fraternity membership. Why should he be selfish and jealous about it? Why should he not wish to see others, large numbers of others, enjoy the same advantages, social and fraternal, that he enjoys?

The older fraternities are growing more and more conservative about granting charters. Only the newer fraternities are expanding rapidly, but the expansion of all fraternities is nothing like as rapid as the growth of students in the institutions of the country, and falls far short of satisfying the desire for fraternal associations during the years of college life. If the number of chapters could be immediately doubled the popular clamor against fraternities would in large measure cease.

Throw down the bars and welcome the new associations. Help non-fraternity men to organize and to secure charters or to found new fraternities. For my part, I should like to see enough chapters to afford all students an opportunity for membership. You say this would lower the standing of fraternities. But if all students belonged to fraternities, the fraternities would be distinguished by the character, ability and deportment of their members.

The leaders will always lead, and there would be different classes of fraternities, some with a better reputation than others, but the members

of all would derive the benefits which fraternity association affords. There would be a healthy rivalry among fraternities, and inevitably leadership would be determined, not by considering money, good clothes and other externals in the choice of men for membership, but considering manliness, brains and true worth of men.

In the renewed warfare against fraternities the older state universities are the storm centers. Some fraternities have a policy to enter only state universities or other very large institutions, and many fraternities have entered only state universities in some states, and these chapters in universities oppose second chapters in the state.

But the fraternities now need all the support they can get to overcome the powerful opposition which has developed against them, and which promises to become more and more powerful. If they are wise, they will establish chapters in other colleges than the state universities, so that the number of fraternity men shall be multiplied. The more fraternity men there are in any state the less effectual will be the opposition.



#### THE MISSISSIPPI CASE.

Only a few months ago the fraternity world was rejoicing because of the fact that the Chancery Court, Lafayette County, Mississippi, had found the anti-fraternity law unconstitutional.

The decision of the Chancery Court of Lafayette County was immediately appealed to the Supreme Court of Mississippi, which handed down a decision on July 19th completely reversing the Chancery Court and sustaining the anti-fraternity pledge as an entrance requirement.

Those who care to go into the matter more fully can find the case reported in *The Southern Reporter*, Vol. 62, page 82.

The principles of justice which were relied upon in arriving at the decision are quoted below:

The act is a mere disciplinary regulation. It was the judgment of the legislature that all secret orders were detrimental to the welfare of the educational institutions of the state. These educational institutions are under the control of the legislature. It had the power to create and abolish them, and having the power to create and abolish, it had the power to regulate; and when the legislature has passed a law disciplinary in its nature, controlling and regulating any subject which is considered to be inimicable to the welfare of the institution, it is certainly not within the power of any court to supervise the wisdom of legislative acts and declare its acts unenforceable, merely because it might be the view of the Court that the act was unwise and unnecessary. \* \*



The trustees are mere instruments to carry out the will of the legislature in regard to the educational institutions of the state—both the institutions and the trustees are under the absolute control of the legislature—the legislature has the undoubted power to pass a law prohibiting Greek-letter fraternities from being organized or carried on at any educational institutions in the state . . . the legislature has the right to say that any student desiring to enter any educational institution of the state shall renounce his allegiance to any Greek-letter fraternity while he is a student in the state institution.



### THE DICKEY CLUB.

Discussion of the relation of the  $\Delta K E$  Fraternity to the Dickey Club at Harvard University arose recently through the decision of  $\Delta K E$  to hold its convention in Boston, after a lapse of twenty-five years. John Clair Minot, writing for the *Boston Transcript*, gives as the chief cause of the breach between  $\Delta K E$  and its Harvard chapter the dissatisfaction of other Deke chapters with the dual membership system in vogue at Harvard.

Other causes given by Mr. Minot for the breach between Alpha chapter of  $\Delta K E$  at Harvard and the general fraternity are: "Complaints that Alpha did not bother to send delegates regularly to the national conventions; that Dekes from other colleges, who visited Harvard or transferred there, were received coldly, rather than in a fraternal spirit; that Alpha, in short, was becoming a local Harvard society and neglectful of its obligations to the fraternity at large."

Expulsion of the Harvard chapter from  $\Delta K E$  was the main issue at the convention of 1889 held in Boston, but it remained for the 1890 convention of  $\Delta K E$ , held in New York, to expel the Harvard chapter and forfeit its rights as a chapter of  $\Delta K E$ . This action was taken in spite of appeals on the floor of the convention by Theodore Roosevelt, who claims membership both in  $\Delta K E$  and  $A \Delta \Phi$ , by Senator Brice, of Ohio, and by Julian Hawthorne.

The members of the Dickey society do not wear the  $\Delta K E$  pin, but use the letters "D.K.E." and sometimes wear the fraternity coat-of-arms. Dekes from adjoining schools resent such use of Deke insignia, but no attempts have been made to prevent it.

A number of fraternities have withdrawn from Harvard largely owing to the same conditions which caused the withdrawal of  $\Delta K E$ , but  $\Delta \Upsilon$ ,  $K \Sigma$ ,  $\Theta \Delta X$ ,  $\Sigma A E$  and others still maintain their Harvard chapters.— $\Sigma X$  *Quarterly*.



## SCHOLARSHIP REPORTS.

Under the caption, "The Yellow Peril," we read the following in the *Ohio State Lantern*. Words of truth indeed but fortunately not representative for the entire United States, as other clippings will show.

Ø B K was founded at William and Mary College in 1776, the year of the Declaration of Independence. In its history it numbers such men as Thomas Jefferson and John Quincy Adams, who staked their reputations and their fortunes on the future of the nation.

The other day nine students who fulfilled the scholarship requirements of this honorary fraternity were elected at Leland Stanford University. Eight were women; the one man, Walter Watanabe, is a Japanese.

Not an American youth in Leland Stanford this year who merits election! The Pacific Coast farmer admits that the Jap outfarms him and so wants him excluded from the country. The Japanese is better at manual labor. It now seems that he excels in intellect. What is the American boy good for anyway? The country has good cause to fear the yellow peril.

Each year the proportion of women elected increases until the oldest of college fraternities is not without reason called a sorority. It is time the university man was directing his pride to matters scholastic as well as to jealousy of his school's athletic record.

Patriotism should make keen the disgrace of the oldest and noblest of college institutions, now fallen into the hands of women and foreigners.

Fraternity men at Northwestern University were jubilant when it was announced that of the thirteen men elected to the Ø B K Society, membership in which is based on scholarship, eight are members of fraternities. They take it as proof that in the class of 1913, at least, the fraternity men have shown themselves as willing to work as those not connected with the secret societies. Against the thirteen men the "co-eds" developed twenty-two of their sex who won the honor.—*Chicago Tribune*.

A chart prepared to show the scholastic standing of the various student groups in Miami University during the year 1912-13, puts Δ Y at the head with 115.5 points. Next to them are ranked K T Σ with 112.2. Δ K E's rank was 102, while non-fraternity men stood at 97.3; B Θ Π at 95.2; Φ Δ Θ at 93 and Σ X at 88.4.

Dean Schuerman, of Vanderbilt University, announced in October that the fraternity men of Vanderbilt had a general average of scholarship of 70.1 per cent. and the non-fraternity men 70 per cent. Σ X with the highest average, 74.2 per cent., was awarded the silver trophy for excellence in scholarship.

According to the *University Missourian* of October 31, 1913, the non-fraternity men at Missouri made a scholarship record of 98.4 per cent. at Missouri during the second semester of 1912-13, while the fraternity men made a record of 95.6, freshmen not being included in these figures. The credits for the total number of hours taken by fraternity men follow: Acacia, 104;  $K \Sigma$ , 103;  $\Sigma N$ , 102;  $\Delta O$ , 99;  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , 97;  $K A$  (s), 97;  $A T \Omega$ , 97;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , 96;  $\Pi K A$ , 95;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 95;  $\Sigma A E$ , 93;  $\Sigma X$ , 90;  $\Phi K \Psi$ , 88;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 86. Only two went through the year without flunks—Acacia and  $A T \Omega$ .  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$  had the largest percentage of flunks—12 and 11 per cent., respectively. Of the seven sororities at Missouri two had better scholarship records than the non-sorority women. The records of the professional fraternities were high and none of them had a flunk.—*Scroll of*  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

Scholarship reports from the Georgia School of Technology indicate  $K \Sigma$  leading with a proficiency of 75 per cent.  $A T \Omega$  follows with a proficiency of 73 per cent., while  $K A$ ,  $\Sigma N$ ,  $\Pi K \Phi$ ,  $X \Phi$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ,  $\Sigma \Phi E$ ,  $\Sigma A E$ ,  $\Pi K A$  and  $\Phi K \Sigma$  follow these in the order named.

The *University of Chicago Magazine* prints the scholarship ranking of the fraternities at the university for the autumn quarter of 1913. It is very gratifying to note that  $A T \Omega$  heads the list and received honorable comment in the following words:

Notable advances in scholarship rank are those of  $X \Psi$  from sixteenth to fifth,  $K \Sigma$  from seventeenth to eighth,  $\Sigma N$  from fourteenth to seventh, and  $\Delta \Sigma \Phi$  from tenth to third. Declines as sharp are those of  $\Delta T \Delta$  from ninth to eighteenth ( $\Delta T \Delta$  was first in the autumn quarter of 1911),  $\Sigma X$  from sixth to sixteenth, and  $B \Theta \Pi$  from first to eleventh. These variations are of course to some extent accidental. But it can hardly be accident that keeps  $A T \Omega$  and  $\Delta \Gamma$  steadily near the top, and  $\Phi K \Psi$  as steadily near the bottom.



### THE VERY ESSENCE OF HONORARY FRATERNITIES.

The organization of a new national fraternity is hereby announced. The new band of Greeks is unique in the fraternity world and although it has pledged itself to a policy of expansion, its growth is expected to be slow owing to the peculiar requirements for membership.

Thus far, only three men have supplied the necessary credentials which are that to become a member one must have been initiated into each of the three fraternities,  $\Phi B K$ ,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ , and in witness of this fact, the name of the new Greek baby is  $\Phi \Phi \Phi$ , the first Phi representing the great scholarship fraternity, the second Phi, the great general fraternity, and the third Phi, the great legal fraternity.

The "Tri Phis" so far discovered and inducted into the order are Charles M. Rose, of Pueblo, Colorado; Henry W. Coil, of Denver, Colorado, and C. M. Clay Buntain, of Kankakee, Illinois.

New members are initiated "in absentia."—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.



### GLIMPSES OF THE FRATERNITY SITUATION.

During the past few weeks there have been numerous statements in the newspapers to the effect that the faculty of the University of Michigan is preparing to abolish the fraternities at that institution, and that the fraternities will be ousted in two years if they do not before that time show cause why they should be allowed to remain, or, as one story had it, if they do not "bring about such reforms as would justify their continued existence."

These newspaper reports are, like many newspaper reports, very far from the truth. During the past winter a faculty committee on house clubs has been in consultation with the Inter-Sorority Association, with the Inter-Fraternity Conference and with representatives of the local societies and sectional clubs of the university; the result of these consultations and conferences has been presented to the faculty in a report by its committee, recommending that the various matters considered by the committee—including rushing rules, pledging rules, house rules, means for improving scholarship, etc.—be left in the hands of the house clubs to work out for themselves during the next two years. There has been no suggestion of abolishing the fraternities, no attempt by the faculty to impose any specific regulations; the societies are given two years within which to work out for themselves the betterments which they had already begun to plan, and which, in the case of the sororities, had been practically decided upon before the faculty committee made its report. We are glad to be able to furnish our readers with an authoritative view of the situation in the form of a statement from Professor Lloyd, chairman of the faculty committee on house clubs, as follows:

Naturally, after taking special pains to prevent sensational reports of its investigation and recommendations affecting the fraternities and sororities at the university, the committee is much annoyed at the inexcusable misrepresentations which have appeared in some of the papers of the country. Most people know enough not to trust newspaper "stories," but some, it seems, have taken undue alarm. Let me say, then, that our purpose from the beginning has been to work with the clubs in the improvement which we know they themselves have desired. We have regarded the clubs as serviceable to the university and have wished to do all in our power to bring their possible service up to the highest efficiency. We have had no intention, and we know of no intention, in the University Senate, either now or two years hence, to abolish any of



the clubs. We are simply suggesting that the clubs in their various groups take action along certain general lines, and we are asking them within a certain time to act, particularly in such ways as they think best, upon our suggestions. To any one reading our report for what it really says, instead of for what will make a sensation, this must be very easily apparent.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

The relation which the fraternity system sustains to the whole student body is interesting, from the fact that it is tending toward an ideal, and because it has reached this ideal at Cornell to a greater degree than at almost any other institution. The sharp rivalry and class distinction between fraternity and non-fraternity men, too often found and a cause condemning the system, does not exist at Cornell.

The system of rushing has been adjusted to a nicety and at present there is none of the confusion and expense and mistakes formerly attendant upon rushing freshmen. At Cornell the feeling is very strong that until a chapter has a permanent home it cannot be more than temporary in character. This principle was strongly shown by some of the best fraternities who refused to establish chapters until a permanent lodge was secured. The windowless lodge with its air of mystery has never found favor at Cornell.—*Purple, Green and Gold of A X A*.

Fraternities play a more important part in college life and activities at Virginia today than they did thirty years ago because college life itself is more highly organized with a correspondingly larger opportunity for organized effort. But the fraternity men then occupied about the same position of relative importance in college that they do today in athletics, studies and the social life, and for the same reason, that the fraternities have in their ranks the majority of the ablest of the student body.

When I entered college in 1882 there were only about three hundred men at Virginia. There were thirteen fraternities, averaging from ten to fifteen men each, thus containing about half of college. Now there are over eight hundred students and the twenty-three fraternities have about four hundred members, again about half the total enrollment.

The place of fraternities in the political life of the university has changed but little in the essential features. Thus for several years *A K E*, *X O* and ourselves waged relentless war against *A T O* and *O A O*, more by mutual agreement than through any definite alliance.

The most striking change in conditions, however, is seen in the growing custom of owning chapter houses. In the decade from 1880 to 1890 there was not a single chapter house owned by any fraternity at the University of Virginia, nor did any fraternity rent a separate house for their own exclusive use. Each chapter rented an upstairs room, usually somewhere near "The Corner," and there their meetings were held according to their individual rules. The *A K E* alone had a small brick building on Carr's Hill, consisting of a sitting room and one small bedroom. This was the property of the university and rented by one of the Dekes.



There they held their meetings. Even this humble but permanent home gave them a distinct advantage over the other fraternities in college.

In 1902 the Delta Psis secured their handsome and dignified home. The effect was marked and far-reaching in consequence. The fraternity thus distinguished by owning a beautiful and commodious chapter house, rose from a position of comparative mediocrity to a position of undeniable prominence and influence. As a result of their action others began to build or to rent houses until today there are ten fraternities owning their chapter houses and twelve others renting theirs by the year.

From these figures it is evident that a fraternity to occupy a position of consequence at the University of Virginia it is absolutely essential to have a chapter house of its own.

These are the chief points of comparison and contrast that have suggested themselves to me in considering the fraternity situation in your day and mine.—*Shield and Diamond of Π K A.*

Fraternities at the University of Florida have opportunities for development that are surpassed by few schools in the South. The fraternity with the right principle and aims can, with efficient control and management, grow strong and become a powerful factor at this institution. Men with foresight and tact will be needed, and those who have a purely social aim in the conduct of their chapter will not be able to make a permanent success here. Some of the laxities which are indulged in by chapters in older universities, will, if tolerated by a fraternity at Florida during her present growth, ruin the chances of the fraternity for an influential standing in later years. While this is true, some of the deep-seated and ancient traditions that bind the fraternity in the older schools must be given freer rein and greater toleration in order to meet and cope with the conditions that face a chapter in a young and growing college.

In the first place, the future of the University of Florida is assured. Supported as it is by the state, and possessing a beautiful campus covered with magnificent buildings, it cannot fail on this account. The buildings are being erected at the rate of a new building each year. There are already eight of them completed and in use and two in the process of construction. Students are so numerous that accommodations cannot be found for all, and more are coming each year. From this it is evident that fraternities need not fail for want of a good school in which to develop.

In the next place, the available fraternity material is of the right type. Coming, as many of them do, from old southern families and from the better class of northerners, they possess those qualities that go to make up a good fraternity man.

Again, state legislation has not interfered with fraternities in Florida as it has in many southern states. Also, the university faculty, made up as it is with many men who are Greeks, offers not opposition, but rather encouragement to the fraternities and to their work.

As nothing stands in the way of the establishment and growth of a chapter, as far as outside elements are concerned, it only remains for the fraternity men to employ right methods and exert correct influences, together with an appreciation for all conditions to be met, in order to insure chapters of the highest order in Florida.

At present there are quite enough chapters located here, but the time will soon be ripe when the growth of the student body will bring about a situation which will demand either more chapters or the extermination of those already in existence.

The fraternities already here, three in number, cannot hope to secure all the good fraternity material that is bound to come. If such a thing was actually done, the local chapters would become of a size that is detrimental to any fraternity. However, this is not apt to be the case, and the only remaining condition would be a large school made up of the best types of men and three fraternities. There would inevitably result a war not between fraternities, but between fraternity and non-fraternity men.

Such a situation arising, there would result exactly what has happened at many of the southern colleges where such a condition has existed. So much pressure would be brought to bear by the non-fraternity element, that legislation by the state would eliminate the fraternities from the college life of Florida schools.

The proper remedy for such a condition is to meet it gradually, as it gradually arises and by the establishment of chapters of the best fraternities, as the need arises, insure permanent existence of fraternities at Florida and the maintenance of a strong and beneficial influence as a result of their entity.—*Shield and Diamond of Π K Α*.



#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

James V. Hopkins, V. M. I., '70, the founder of Σ N, died at Mabelvale, Arkansas, on December 15, 1913. A committee has been appointed to place a suitable memorial.

Σ Ε has started to publish a magazine and the first issue contained twenty-eight pages of reading matter.

How do you regard the faculty of your college? Are they merely professors or are they your friends? Make them your friends! Discuss your problems with them and invite their criticism of fraternity life in general and your own chapter in particular. We need some one to kindly point out our failings. You have your faculty advisers, it is true, but every one has a different viewpoint and it is to your advantage to see yourself from every possible angle. In gaining a friend for yourself you may also gain one for your fraternity. In these troublous times every

staunch friend is as so much ammunition stored up for future use. The more numerous our faculty friends, the safer our position in the colleges.—*Angelos of K Δ*.

Former President Taft, speaking at the eightieth anniversary celebration of the Ψ Υ Fraternity, gave his definition of "fraternity." "Brotherhood means heart and hand united. These hands may be clasped unwillingly through fear and compulsion, so a handclasp, unless the heart goes with it, means little or nothing. The head must also give consent to show that the mind approves what the heart has offered."

Σ Ν has been compelled to recall the charter of the chapter at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, because the faculty has prohibited fraternities there.

Σ Φ and Σ Π installed chapters at the University of California recently. This brings the total number of national fraternities there up to an even thirty. Besides this, there are eighteen national sororities and twenty-eight local fraternities and home clubs.—*Σ X Quarterly*.

Fifty chapters of Φ Δ Θ now own the homes in which they live.

The fraternities at the University of Utah are Σ X, 1908; Π K A, 1912, B Θ Π, 1913; Amici Fidissimi (local, petitioning Δ Υ); T K A (debaters); Φ B Π (sorority), 1912. The account of the 1913 convention of B Θ Π, published in the *Beta Theta Pi* says: "Of course Utah couldn't go through until after the bogey of 'Mormonism' had been raised. But it looked to me suspiciously as though it was raised for the express purpose of having it killed dead, forever and Amen! All of which was skillfully and thoroughly done.—*Scroll of Φ Δ Θ*."

Θ Δ X has provided a permanent record of the voice of one of its founders by securing a phonographic record from the lips of Andrew H. Green, Union, '49. Mr. Green, who is in his eighty-ninth year, at the instance of Custodian of Archives Frederic Carter, recently made the record in the form of a brief historical story, followed by some words of advice to the brothers who have followed after him.

Δ Ψ is considering a petition from a local at Cornell University.

There are two locals at the Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas. The Aztec Club petitioned Δ T Δ at last Karnea, but were refused. T Ω Σ is petitioning B Θ Π.—*Star and Lamp*.

The K Σ Ν Fraternity is a local at Oregon Agricultural College



and already owns its club house. It will petition a national fraternity soon and it seems an excellent opportunity for A T Ω to re-establish one of its defunct chapters.

The members of the Δ T Δ Fraternity of the University of Washington have been officially notified by President Landes of the university that they will not be permitted to occupy the costly club house just built by the Deltas, and which adjoins the sorority house of the Γ Φ B.

The young men were notified when the plans were being drawn that they must choose another site for the building, farther away from the girls' home, but the construction was continued, the fraternity hoping that the university officials would relent.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

The Founders' Memorial Chapter House, erected at Miami for the Alpha chapter, was dedicated during the recent convention of Σ X which was held at Miami for that reason.

As an inexpensive aid to the collection of dues this scheme of notifying parents of the delinquency of their sons may prove to be a great success, and we believe it is well worth trying. We also suggest the adoption of a statutory provision that at each regular meeting of a chapter the treasurer and reporter shall read out the amount that is due the fraternity or chapter by each member that has been delinquent a week or longer.—*Exchange*.

Π B Φ has offered for the year 1914-15 one graduate fellowship to be used at any university in this country or Europe. Two points will be considered by the Grand Council in awarding the fellowship: first, the scholastic standing of the student and, second, all-round development of character and the ability to represent the fraternity in whatever place the recipient may be.—*Key of K K Γ*.

Φ A Δ, a legal fraternity, is organizing a corporation to be known as the Board of Publications. Among the duties of the board is that of gathering information as to openings for young lawyers seeking a location, and connecting the young lawyer with the opportunity. In other words, it is a specialized form of an occupation bureau.—*Greek Exchange*.

A T Ω has changed the shape of its official badge.—*Chi Zeta Chi*.

Exchanges, do not copy. We Alpha Taus may still be seen wearing the maltese cross. The word "shape" is ill-chosen.

The letter from the Vanderbilt chapter of Φ Δ Θ tells of a remarkable initiation, that of a sixth member of the Manier family conducted by five relatives who were already Phis.

Another example of "lifting" has occurred to disgrace the fraternity world. This time it is the oldest of the general fraternities, K Δ, which is



guilty. It has established a chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, taking over the chapter of  $\Sigma \Pi$  established there in 1909.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The pin is worn upside down in case of the death of a sister by her chapter in  $K K \Gamma$ .

The *Phi Gamma Delta* for November contains an interesting account of a proposed memorial fund for \$100,000, which is now being raised by the fraternity. This fund is to be used not only to endow the position and expense of a trained man, who will be known as the field secretary, but to aid chapters in building chapter houses, and to finance any necessary plan for meeting adverse conditions, whether directed against individual chapters, or fraternities as a class.

The local which became a chapter of  $\Delta T \Delta$  at the University of Oregon, recently, was formerly a chapter of *Acacia*. Owing to the fact that only Master Masons may be initiated into *Acacia* it was found impossible to maintain a house with the undergraduate body only. A change of policy was necessary, so the chapter disbanded, invited younger men into the house and took a Greek name,  $Z \Phi$ , which later petitioned  $\Delta T \Delta$ .

The most important acts of the recent convention of  $A \Xi \Delta$  were: Changing our official name from sorority to fraternity, creating the office of national inspector, voting against high school sorority members joining national fraternities, the appointment of a historian to get out our history in 1918 and of a committee to standardize our pin and the establishment of graduate scholarship. Conferences were held with the officers and the delegates and alumnae of the various chapters that should prove helpful during the year.

$\Delta \Gamma$  at Syracuse alone adopted the Sophomore Pledge Day.

Twenty-five fraternity men belonging to  $A P \Delta$  have been expelled from Ohio Northern University by President Smith. This is the result of long friction between the president and the Greeks. There are five other fraternities at the university. The citizens of Ada have asked for an investigation of reasons for the step.—*Anchora of A \Gamma*.

Volume I of the  $\Sigma N \Delta$ , published in 1883-84, was republished several years ago, and a reprint of Volume II, 1884-85, is

now in press. The *Delta* says: "There is no reason why subsequent rare volumes cannot also be reprinted from time to time so that eventually each chapter, and any alumnus who so desires, may have a complete set of the *Delta* files in his possession."

The *Phi Gamma Delta* relates that a badge of the fraternity has been handed down from one member to another for sixty years. During this time six Fijis have worn it and it has been in actual undergraduate service for nearly half that time. The list of names of the wearers and the dates are microscopically engraved on the back.

Colors are worn beneath the pin on the date of the installation of a new chapter of  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ .

Of course no fraternity member, and especially no Kappa, will fail to acknowledge the unnumbered and immeasurable benefits derived from a fraternity—when one is in it. But how about the two-thirds outside? If fraternities benefit the one-third inside and do no harm to the two-thirds outside, they at least have an excuse for being; but that is hardly satisfying. And can we *honestly* say that they do no harm to those outside? In almost every college there exists a more or less unpleasant non-fraternity spirit. Why is it? Is it merely "sour grapes" or are we fraternities to blame? I think in part we are. We should be a little more careful to keep fraternities entirely out of our conversation in the college halls; we should make our rushing a little less conspicuous; and we should make people realize that we are absolutely loyal to our college. We are apt to "rub it in" too much, that we are members of a fraternity and thus make people think (no matter how unjustly) that that which binds us together as a fraternity, binds us away from the rest of the world.—*Key of K K I*.

A movement has been launched by the anti-frats at Auburn and the university for the abolition of Greek-letter fraternities in Alabama. According to the best information, the legislature in 1915 will be called on by the anti-frats to pass a law prohibiting fraternities in the colleges.

A big contest is promised when the question comes up. The lines are already being drawn and the "scrap" promises to be intensely interesting, and probably it may have its bitter side. Frat men will fight the abolition movement.

Twenty-five hundred dollars, it is stated, is on deposit in Birmingham to be used in fighting fraternities. The fight has reached the point where its originators are writing letters to candidates for the legislature.—*Montgomery Journal*.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., January 10.—Special.—A state-wide campaign for the abolition of fraternities at the University of Alabama was inaugurated Saturday night, when a great mass meeting of non-frat students met in Morgan Hall and adopted resolutions calling for the ousting of all fraternal organizations of the university.—*Birmingham News*.

We hope to be pardoned for becoming facetious about so delicate a subject as K  $\Sigma$ 's age. The December, 1913, *Caduceus* contains a feature article entitled "Our Football Hee-Rows of 1813"—simplified spelling and all. A hundred Kappa Sigmas playing football while Commodore Perry was playing the game of war on Lake Erie. Them was the happy days! Just what the rules of the game were in those stirring times we are not told, but they surely were modified since the days before Christ when football was played in China and as the *Caduceus* tells us:

"One Chinese emperor executed a prime minister because he interrupted a football game with trivial matters of state. Another feature of the Chinese game, as played many centuries ago, was the flogging of the captain of the losing team."

The Kappa Sigs were undoubtedly the pioneers in the American College game and the saying of a Michigan brother: "Boys, she was a great game," should be written on history's pages with "I'll fight it out on this line if it takes till next summer."

H. L. BLANKENBURG.

## The Alumni

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### VITAL STATISTICS.

#### BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Gifford (Brown) a daughter, Elizabeth Hawes, April 9, 1914.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Simcoe Heger (California), a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ball (Charleston) a daughter, March 17, 1914, at Charleston, South Carolina.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pringle Smith (Charleston), a daughter, January 25, 1914, at Charleston, South Carolina.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MacKenzie (Lehigh) a daughter, Elizabeth Elva, March 19, 1914.

To Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Way (Pennsylvania) a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bridges (Purdue) a son, April 10, 1914, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Sudler (Vermont) a daughter, Elizabeth Alice, March 12, 1914, at Denver, Colorado.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lowell (Colorado) a son, Benjamin Franklin, April 13, 1914, at Fort Collins, Colorado.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Stowell (Tufts) a son.

#### MARRIAGES.

R. R. McFall (Adrian) and Miss Lucile Goucher.

Robert J. Daniels (Brown) and Miss Elizabeth Godfrey Butler, May 10, 1913.

Cecil Frown Digby (Lehigh) and Miss Olive D. Reppetto, at Wheeling, West Virginia, April 1, 1914.

Eckley B. C. Goyne (Lehigh) and Miss Marjory B. Goodwin, at New York, April 14, 1914.

J. Guy Johnson (Minnesota) and Miss Lorena Amelia Anderson, at Devils Lake, North Dakota, April 14, 1914.



David W. Jones (Rose) and Miss Leatha M. McPhillips.

Percy Charnock (Tufts) and Miss Harmon.

Elmer R. Higgins (Vermont) and Miss Nancy E. Mead, at North Bridgton, Maine, February 4, 1914.

#### ENGAGEMENTS.

R. H. Benjamin (St. Lawrence) and Miss Louise Reynolds.

B. S. Stevens (St. Lawrence) and Miss Lena Bray.

Lester T. Thatcher (Tufts) and Miss Ruth Penniman.

Robert M. Walmsley (Tulane) and Miss Dorothy Jackson, of New Orleans, Louisiana.

A. P. "Sam" Buie (Florida) and Miss Ruth McDonald, of Gainesville, Florida.

Elliot Evans Cheatam (Georgia) and Miss Ida May Blount, of Atlanta, Georgia.

James Montgomery Lynce (Georgia) and Miss Elizabeth Smythe.

John Moody (Florida).

Wilbur Neil Burkhardt (Wisconsin) and Miss Irene Catherine Wilson, of Des Moines, Iowa.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

William H. Oppenheimer (Minnesota) from 124 Summit Avenue to 625 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

William R. Marston (Washington State) from Princeton, B. C., to East 28 Sharp Avenue, Spokane, Wash.

J. Raymond Stewart (Pennsylvania) from 3640 North Eighteenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa., to 1104 Fourteenth Avenue, Altoona, Pa.

P. N. Snyder (Pennsylvania) from Fulton, Ill., to Miles City, Mont.

E. T. Casler (Florida) from 320 East Second Street, Jax, Fla., to Box 192, Christina, Fla.

Edward E. Warner (Brown) from 412 Westminster Street, Fitchburg, Mass., to The Woodley Apartments, 703, Washington, D. C.

Frank E. Moberly (Washington State) from 3609 Lombard Avenue, Everett, Wash., to 448 Tenth Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

A. A. Johnson (Wisconsin) from Wauwatosa, Wis., to Farmingdale, Long Island, N. Y.

Andrew C. Scherer (Wisconsin) from 1201 North State Street, Chicago, Ill., to 217 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

H. Mauelshagen (Tennessee) from 612 Terrace Place, Schenectady, N. Y., to 1110 Temple Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn.

Harry A. Linch (Ohio) from 443 South Fourth Street, Steubenville, Ohio, to Mogollon, New Mexico.

A. J. Norton (Mt. Union) from 1 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y., to 95 Rockland Avenue, Park Hill, Yonkers, N. Y.

Henry M. Conkey (St. Lawrence) from 391 West End Avenue to 83 Cedar Street, New York, N. Y.

C. M. Carmichael (Southern) from Oakchia, R. F. D. No. 5, Ala., to Lock 3, Tombigbee River, Oakchia, Ala.

Fenton O. Fish (Hillsdale) from Green Camp, Ohio, to Box 162, Quincy, Mich.

S. J. Dalton, Jr., (Missouri) from 28 Church Street, Boonville, Miss., to 4513 Cook Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

H. F. Williams (Missouri) from Box 923, East Lansing, Michigan, to 1736 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

J. G. Rake (Washington State) from 306 Ash Street, Pullman, Wash., to Malden, Wash.

E. B. Blaisdell (Illinois) from 2235 Aqueduct Avenue, University Heights, New York, N. Y., to 4200 Drexell Building, Chicago, Ill.

L. I. Brislawn (Washington State) from Sprague, Wash., to Darrington, Wash.

Lacy L. Little (Trinity) from Southern Presbyterian Mission, Kiangyin, via Shanghai, China, to 517 West Market Street, Greensboro, N. C.

O. L. Lockwood (Tennessee) from care of Alabama Consolidated Iron and Coal Company, Brookwood, Ala., to care of Alabama Company, Room 825, First National Bank Building, Birmingham, Ala.

F. H. Derby (Maine) from 152 Beach Street, Revere, Mass., to care of U. S. R. S., Fort Shaw, Mont.

Hatton Weems (Southwestern Presbyterian) from Waverly, Tenn., to Cadet U. S. M. A., West Point, N. Y.

H. A. Fountain (Missouri) from 502 South Frisco, Tulsa, Okla., to 1109 East Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colo.

Lieutenant F. W. Motlow (Vanderbilt) from Station "L," Washington, D. C., to Lynchburg, Tenn.

Arthur C. Torrey (Worcester) from Alger, Wash., to Spencer, Mass.

Harry D. Barlow (Chicago) from 1360 East Sixty-second Street to 6519 Kimbach Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

A. H. Cutler (Michigan) from 22 Harrison Street, New York, N. Y., to Hotel Seelbach, Louisville, Ky.

R. S. Van Atta (Ohio State) from 759 East Avenue to 95 Flower City Park, Rochester, N. Y.

Paul M. Kuder (Muhlenberg) from Delafield, Wis., to 1830 Eighth Street, Des Moines, Ia.

Ben Forbes, Jr., (Minnesota) from Wathena, Kansas, to Lewistown, Mont.

E. C. Russell (California) from Waterville, Ohio, to 1045 Keith Avenue, Berkeley, Cal.

Samuel Fuller (Wyoming) from Box 1735, Los Angeles, Cal., to Tehachapi, Cal.

Frank D. Walsh (Colorado) from 616 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, Cal., to 3047 Idaho Street, San Diego, Cal.

W. L. Williams (Washington State) from Iola, Wis., to 619 West Maxwell Street, Spokane, Wash.

Edward Lyle (Virginia) from 78 South Pryor Street to 108 East Seventh Street, Atlanta, Ga.

Erwin Flint (Adrian) from Tonica, Ill., to Ann Arbor, Mich.

R. Leslie Jones (Kentucky) from 50 Orton Place to 331 Franklin Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

C. J. Quinn (Muhlenberg) from Allentown, Pa., to Y. M. C. A. Building, Paterson, N. J.

Claude Oliver (Hillsdale) from Amboy, Minn., to Centralia, Wash.

Harold G. Jenks (M. I. T.) from 34 Upland Road, Melrose, Mass., to care of Twin State Gas and Electric Company, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

A. J. Argue (Cornell) from 319 Van Nuys Building, Los Angeles, Cal., to 1433 Baltimore Street, Tulsa, Okla.

Walter S. Frost (Tufts) from 34 Akron Street, Roxbury, Mass., to 4 North Prospect Street, Amherst, Mass.

John N. Hartman (Gettysburg) from 6304 Marchand Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., to 226 Sixth Avenue, McKeesport, Pa.

F. E. Gaffney (Penn State) from Huntington, Pa., to 410 Briggs Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Morton F. Haymon (Rose) from Pueblo, Colo., to Fowler, Colo.

I. J. Brook (Kansas) from Pueblo, Colo., to Denton, Mont., where he is practicing law.

Benjamin A. Bowers (Nebraska) from Steamboat Springs, Colo., to Lincoln, Neb.

Clayton I. Collins (Hillsdale) from Holly, Colo., to Eugene, Ore.

John W. Wilson (Mt. Union) from Del Norte to Albuquerque, N. M.

Arnot R. Stevenson (Kansas) from Georgetown, Colo., to Belleville, Kan.

Forrest S. Lunt (Tufts) from Charlestown, Ill., to Horace Mann School, Columbia University, New York.

F. C. Woodward (Tufts) from New Hartford, N. Y., to Second National Bank Building, Utica, N. Y.

G. S. Cummings (Tufts) from Schenectady, N. Y., to 104 New Park Street, Lynn, Mass.

Stanley W. Moore (Tufts) from Brooklyn, N. Y., to 36 Bray Street, East Elmhurst, Long Island, N. Y.

W. H. Ringer (Tufts) from Detroit, Mich., to 138 Curtis Place, Auburn, N. Y.

R. B. Jeffers (Tufts) from Chelsea, Mass., to Brick Church Institute, Rochester, N. Y.

Howard C. Mason (Tufts) from 50 Madison Avenue to 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

W. H. Linton (Tufts) from 30 Garvin Street to 33 Connecticut Boulevard, East Hartford, Conn.

Leslie Swartz (Tufts), Medicine Lodge, Kan.



#### CURRIER HOLDS BALANCE OF POWER.

Rudolph W. Currier (Tufts) has been elected to the Massachusetts Legislature and one of the Boston newspapers tells a very interesting story concerning his opportunity there:

Now that people have commenced to recover from the many surprises of the election, talk centers on what is going to be the result locally



with the old-time Republican majority of representatives in the legislature changed into the mixed delegation consisting of three Republicans, four Democrats and a Progressive for members of the lower branch and a Republican and a Democrat for the Senate.

The latest returns appear to show that the Progressives in both branches will have the balance of power and the Republicans must dicker with them if they propose to elect the president of the Senate and speaker of the House, who will have the appointment of the committees, thus under any circumstances assuring to the representatives of the two minor parties in the legislature places on the best committees and therefore very influential in shaping the legislation of next year.

The governor's council is Democratic so that Governor David I. Walsh in 1914 will be able to make such appointments as he deems fit, as the confirmation will be in the hands of the councilors of his own party, with one Progressive to play an important part where more than a meager majority is needed to make recommendations approved.

This closeness in the representation of the three parties will give much influence to each and every one of the minority of Democrats and Progressives, and therefore Lynn may play quite an important part in the work of the legislature in both branches next year, giving the lone Progressive, Rudolph W. Currier, a strategic advantage which may be of great value in getting favorable legislation for Lynn and for his party along the lines of Progressive ideas, as his vote may be necessary to elect a speaker or to elect the sergeant-at-arms or clerk of the house, both of which positions are now held by Lynn men, Thomas F. Pedrick being the former and James W. Kimball the latter.

In fact, the Lynn representatives of all the districts will be in a position where they will be able to do much for their constituents, as it is very sure that strict party lines will be disregarded frequently in the interests of legislation where advantage may accrue to the locality from which the representatives come, and therefore every one will be a marked man during the whole session.

Of the eight Lynn representatives, six are of the legal profession, either embryotic or experienced, and it will be interesting to note just what committees they will play for, as it is naturally the ambition of a young lawyer to get on the committee on judiciary and the choice of speaker may be influenced to quite a degree by what the candidates may promise in this line.

There will be a number of important matters of much interest to Lynn, among which will surely be some legislation proposed by the Chamber of Commerce for harbor development and sewage disposal, and all of the local representatives will be in a position to be of great value in shaping such legislation and in the two months before the convening of the legislature, there is expected to be some conferences which will influence the action of the Lynn men during the next session.

Probably the marked man will be the Progressive representative, Rudolph W. Currier, who very distinctly stated what he would try to do while in the legislature, such as being ready at all times to give his constituents a report, daily if need be, of his votes and acts, and as the Progressives will undoubtedly endeavor to enforce some of their progressive ideas into statutes of next year Lynn will play quite an important part in the work of the year.

Altogether 1914 promises to be a most interesting one in the history of legislation in the old Bay State where the Progressives have a most strategic position and from the very first when the speaker of the House and president of the Senate are chosen, the records of the 1914 legislature are expected to be marked by work which will be viewed with interest all over the nation.



#### HOWARD GOES TO PANAMA.

Finley Howard (Nebraska) has a berth in the new department of Civil Administration on the Canal Zone and the Omaha (Nebraska) *Bee* says:

Finley Howard, of Columbus, Nebraska, left Washington for the Canal Zone, where he will be given a job in the department of Civil Administration. It has not been announced to what work he will be assigned by Governor Metcalfe.

This disposition of the son of the Columbus editor is the result of a compromise between Howard's ambitions and Secretary Bryan's wishes. Mr. Howard was a candidate for Auditor of the Treasury, but the Secretary of State would not urge his appointment because he has had no experience as an accountant.

The appointment of Howard to a job of the nature of which he has not been informed leaves Samuel Patterson, a banker, who has the support of Senator Hitchcock, the only candidate for the position of auditor. There is no immediate prospect that either that position or that of Solicitor of the Treasury, the place from which W. T. Thompson, of Lincoln, has resigned, will be filled immediately.



#### HAYES AT BEVERLY.

William T. Hayes (Tufts) has been elected the city physician of Beverly, Massachusetts, and the Boston newspapers record the news in these words:

Dr. William T. Hayes, who was elected city physician last Monday by the Aldermen to succeed Dr. Norman N. McLeod, who resigned, will at once take up his new work.

Doctor Hayes was born in Georgetown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis C. Hayes, and was graduated from the Perley Free High School. After spending four years at Tufts College, he entered the medical school, graduating with honors. For 2½ years he was house physician at the Malden Hospital, and had experience at the Boston City Hospital, St. Mary's Infant Asylum of Dorchester and in other hospitals in the vicinity of Boston.

Doctor Hayes came to this city two years ago, taking up the practice of the late Dr. David C. Coleman, who at that time was city physician. While at the Malden Hospital Doctor Hayes met Miss L. Frances Howes, of Malden, at that time assistant superintendent at the hospital, and she became his bride in 1911. They have one child, Clement T. Hayes, who is six months old. Doctor Hayes has one brother, Edward Hayes, of Georgetown.

Doctor Hayes is a member of Beverly Council, K. of C., Division 12, A. O. H., Garden City Aerie of Eagles, Men's Singing Club and of fraternities at Tufts College.



#### PROFESSOR BEMAN AND DELTA PHI DELTA.

*The Paper Book*, the official journal of the Delta Phi Delta legal fraternity, publishes the photograph of Lamar T. Beman (Ohio State) in its "Hall of Fame" department and says of him:

Lamar T. Beman, dean of Ranney Senate, formerly Alpha chapter of Delta Phi Delta, was born in Cleveland and has lived there all of his life. He is a graduate of Adelbert College and took his Master's degree at Ohio State University. For the past eight years he has been an instructor at the East High School in Cleveland, during two of which years he was also assistant in Economics at Western Reserve University. He is specially interested in political and social studies and has spent three summers at the University of Wisconsin, and has taken a dozen graduate courses in these fields of work at Western Reserve University.

In 1912 he was nominated by the Republicans for the state legislature in May when a nomination seemed as good as an election, but was defeated because of the split in the party.

He has published a work on Compulsory Industrial Arbitration, and has a work on high school debating about ready for the press.

Brother Beman was one of the three men who represented the Delta Phi Delta Fraternity in their negotiations leading up to the amalgamation in Delta Theta Phi, and he was the delegate of his chapter to the Chicago convention that completed the work. While at this convention he was unanimously elected dean of his senate.



## WISCONSIN ITEMS.

Edwin F. Gruhl, '08, has been appointed assistant to the vice president of the North American Securities Company, one of the largest public utilities corporations in the country. In addition to rewarding "Eppie" for the excellent services he has rendered the company, the board of directors further recognized his ability by electing him to a directorship.

A. A. Johnson, '07, has accepted the position of superintendent of the New York State Agricultural School on Long Island. This is one of the biggest things of its kind in the country. His address is Farmingdale, Long Island.

The appointment of the Rev. William F. Hood, Jr., as archdeacon of La Crosse, comes as a pleasant surprise to his brothers in Alpha Tau. This appointment was made the first of the month by Bishop Webb. Archdeacon Hood will reside in Eau Claire. His field covers all the mission stations in the convocation of La Crosse.

S. B. Severson, '06, is now located at Queens Plaza Court, Long Island, New York, with the Manhattan and Queens Traction Corporation.



## NEW YORK ITEMS.

Dr. E. G. Thomssen, of Columbia, is now research chemist in the department of Agriculture, Washington, District of Columbia, Bureau of Animal Industry, Dairy Division. His address is 3475 Hohmead Place, N. W.

John M. Thompson (District of Columbia Upsilon) is now vice president of the M. Morgenthau, Jr., Co., at 95 Liberty Street.

Thompson Buchanan (Sewanee) is at work on a melodrama on the order of "The Whip" which is shortly to be produced by William A. Brady. Buchanan already has acquired an enviable reputation as a playwright.



## COLORADO NOTES.

James R. Greenlee has returned to Denver from Seattle and will make his home permanently here. He is connected with the Denver Marble and Granite Company.



Leonel R. Copeland (Nebraska Gamma Theta) has moved from Omaha, Nebraska, to 51 South Ogden Street, Denver, Colorado. He is employed by the White Audit Company, Chicago.

Fred L. Humphrey (Nebraska Gamma Theta) is located at 400 Sugar Building, Denver, Colorado. He is engaged in the business of merchandise broker.

Ernest C. Russell (California Gamma Iota), who has been the private secretary to the Governor of Georgia, has gone to California where he expects to locate at 1045 Keith Avenue, Berkeley, California.



#### OREGON NEWS.

The last seen or heard of Charles Frederick Dean, ex-'11, was when he was with the Oregon Engraving Company, Portland, Oregon. Any information leading to his whereabouts will be gladly received.

Our last glimpse of Thomas B. Hoover, ex-'11, of Fossil, Oregon, was at the installation of the Oregon Gamma Phi chapter. Wonder if Hoover grows anything but wheat in eastern Oregon?

From all reports, Will C. Hurn, ex-'13, has "made good" in the hardware business in Klamata Falls.

Teland L. Steiwer, '10, is doing a prosperous banking business in Fossil, Oregon.

William P. Stevens, ex-'12, spends most of his time in Portland with his mother on her vacations.

Alex. Martin, '13, has wandered off to that "end of the world," Marchfield, and holds a position with the Oregon Power Company.



#### OKLAHOMA NOTES.

H. Clay Doss (Trinity) is in the Supreme Court Library, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

John Baldwin (Georgia Tech) has extensive oil interests in the state with headquarters at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Judge R. L. Williams (Southern), the first Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, has resigned from the bench to devote his entire time to his candidacy for the nomination for Governor on the Democratic ticket.

## BRIEF PERSONAL ITEMS.

*Alabama:* Roy Woodruff, who graduated from B. D. in 1909, has accepted a position as physician for the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company at Wylam, Alabama. Tillery, '11, has returned to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to accept a position with the *Times-Gazette*. Rogers, who has been operated on recently for appendicitis, while at Harvard University, is reported as out of danger. It is rumored that Riley is planning a wedding for the the near future, but we have been unable to ascertain the date.

*Alabama Polytechnic:* Emery E. Fry, who graduated from college last year, was married to Miss Catherine Wilson, of Marshall, Texas, Saturday night, April 4th; they will make their home in Marshall, where Fry has accepted a position with the electric company. L. D. Gardner was appointed by Governor Emmet Oneal to fill the office of Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama.

*Brown:* Harold R. Curtis, '09, went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to attend the conclave of Province II. He was the toastmaster at the conclave banquet in Detroit, Michigan, on April 25th.

*Charleston:* Though A. C. Heyward has withdrawn from college life and is now engaged in business in Columbia, South Carolina, he is still very active and is heading a movement for organizing an alumni association in Columbia. Simeon Hyde, formerly a Beta Xi man and later a Virginia Beta, is now practicing law in New York City and is establishing quite a reputation. E. Willoughby Middleton, whom Beta Xi lost in 1911 through graduation, is now hard at work at Harvard University, editing the *Harvard Review* besides his other duties.

*Florida:* George Jackson has left his home in St. Augustine and is practicing law in Pineville, Kentucky.

*Hillsdale:* Hiram C. Blackman, '91, has just been named by John S. Williams, comptroller of currency, as a national bank examiner to be assigned to the northern Michigan and northern Wisconsin district; Blackman is cashier of the First State Bank of Hillsdale and was former editor of the *Weekly Democrat* here; he has twice been elected mayor of his home town and served as

postmaster under the Cleveland administration; the appointment came after Blackman had passed high in an examination of his qualifications conducted by treasury officials. Julius Moeller, '05, who was for some years principal of Monroe High School, and has lately been editor of the *Adrian Times*, has resigned his position with the latter paper to accept a more lucrative one with the *Detroit Times*. H. B. Woodward, '90, is now president and chief stockholder of the Central State Bank of Beulah, Michigan; he was for some time superintendent of schools at Benzonia, Michigan, and later was president and manager of the Benzie County Telephone Company; he has served on the village council for the last ten years and is well liked throughout the county. Fern Shannon, '06, Michigan State Chemist, is the youngest man who ever held this office, being only 28 years old. C. V. Smith, '02, a graduate of the dental department of the University of Michigan, has just returned to this country from Calcutta, India, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession.

*Mercer:* Wilbur Smith holds a responsible position with the Macon Grocery Company, Macon, Georgia. Ralph L. Meeks is editor of the *Carrol Free Press*, Carrolton, Georgia. Paul J. Orr is editing the *Newnan News*, Newnan, Georgia. Frank B. Orr is studying medicine at Columbia. A. H. Freeman is city attorney, Newnan, Georgia. C. W. Steed is professor of English and Economics at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia. S. M. Howell is practicing medicine at Greenville, Georgia. T. H. Smith has affiliated with the chapter at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. George E. Mills is studying medicine at Atlanta. W. A. Galt is traveling for Armour & Co. in southern Alabama.

*Minnesota:* John McGovern is running for alderman in one of the wards of Minneapolis.

*Muhlenberg:* John Robert Kline, '12, received the fellowship in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania, which is one of the greatest scholastic honors attainable.

*Pennsylvania:* George Gawthrop has returned from Oregon, where he spent the winter investigating the lumber business. B. E. Van Sweringen has located in Phoenix, Arizona, going there from



Los Angeles. Hugh Dawson, the most active member of our Scranton alumni, has visited us several times during the winter. Harold Whiteside, secretary of Lehigh Y. M. C. A. branch, is contemplating a change of field back to this university. "Hap" Hall, '09 Arch., has completed his post-graduate course at this university and has re-established himself in Dayton.

*Rose:* C. Owen Fairchild, '12, who has been with the Western Chemical Company at Denver, is now assistant chemist at the Western States Portland Cement Company, Independence, Kansas. C. O. Dodson, '12, was a recent visitor at our chapter house.

*Trinity:* Lewis G. Cooper is practicing law in Greenville. P. Frank Hanes is practicing law in Winston-Salem. Bob and Jeff Courtney are in Petersburg, Virginia, with the American Tobacco Company. W. Archie Sherrod is in the manufacturing business at High Point with his father. Floyd S. Bennett is now holding the chair of English in the Greensboro College for Women. Henry L. Wilson is teaching in the schools of Littleton. G. C. Kimball is in business with his father at Statesville. Sam Angier is with the Cary Lumber Company of this city. W. Roy Ivey is traveling out of Hickory for the Ivey Company. W. G. Matton is with the American Tobacco Company, Richmond, Virginia. Sidney S. Alderman is now editor of one of the North Carolina journals; we are very glad to hear that Alderman is thinking of re-entering college next year to read law. Angier Duke, of New York City, was here on a house party at his father's mansion last week. The varsity baseball team is now on its northern trip; they have hard games before them; they play Georgetown University; while in Washington, Senator Simmons, an alumnus of this chapter, has made arrangements for the team to meet the President; Alpha Tau has three men on the team, Thorne, Carver and Durham; Thorne is perhaps the fastest outfielder Trinity has had in some time; he is also leading the batting average.

*Tufts:* "Young Spike" Thorndike, ex-'15, has accepted a position in Vermont. "Chet" Hayes, '06, has returned to the city and is located near the chapter house; he drops in quite often. Quennell, '12, who is in Schenectady with the General Electric Company, dropped in on us the other day.



*Tulane:* McClelland Van der Veer leaves soon for Philadelphia to join the Athletics, with whom he is signed as a pitcher; Van der Veer is another A. T. O. to go to the big leagues. Ewing Werlein, '13, is practicing law in Houston, Texas. Boyd Watkins, '13, is practicing law in New Orleans. Bill Jones, '13, is a M. D. in the Charity Hospital of New Orleans. Lansing Beach, '13, is studying law at Columbia University.

*Union:* W. Garnett Foster, '95, sporting editor of the *Chattanooga Times*, is chairman of a committee of southern sporting writers which will select the best player in the Southern League for this year. W. R. Phillips, '01, who has been connected with a school near Dyersburg, Tennessee, is now located in Jackson in the insurance business.

*Vermont:* "Bub" Farley is working on the revaluation of the Boston and Maine Railroad with headquarters at Woodsville, New Hampshire

## The Associations

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### BIRMINGHAM.

The members of the Birmingham Alumni Association had a meeting Thursday, April 16th, for the purpose of reorganizing and becoming more active. The meeting was in the form of a lunch and smoker held at the Southern Club. This is one of the most beautiful clubs in the city and added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening.

After the lunch Vassar L. Allen called the meeting to order and made a brilliant talk on the purpose of the meeting and plans for the future.

A set of constitution and by-laws were submitted and after a few alterations were adopted. These contain some interesting items and put the association on a firm basis.

The following officers were elected: President, Vassar L. Allen; first vice president, Hugh Martin; second vice president, Ralph Barrow; secretary and treasurer, Edmund C. Kain.

The roll of all brothers present was called and each brother was introduced by rising to his name, giving his chapter and year of initiation.

A membership committee was appointed to get in touch with every brother in this district, to arouse enthusiasm and keep every one active. This committee was as follows: Harvey L. Reno, J. M. Sprague and Reid Lawson. They have already started work in a systematic way and we hope to soon locate over 200 Alpha Taus.

Arrangements were made for a monthly meeting similar to the first one. We have also planned to get the privilege of some popular club to serve a table at noon one day in the week for A. T. O.'s exclusively. This method will assure the brothers that whenever they "drop around" they will meet Alpha Taus and we believe will create more good fellowship than any other plan.

We are very much encouraged over the progress already made and feel sure that we will soon have the strongest association in the states. There is excellent material here and old and young are enthusiastic, loyal and always willing to do anything for the good of A. T. O.

—  
E. C. KAIN.

### CHICAGO.

The past quarter was brought into prominence by a most enthusiastic banquet at the University Club, where we co-operated with the active

chapter in welcoming the neophytes into the fold. Since the affair will be written up in the Chicago chapter letter we refrain from repetition here.

However, one feature of vital importance to the alumni association should be mentioned; viz., the decided sentiment voiced by alumni speakers in favor of making our regular monthly meetings inviting to others than those who merely wish to get together for a good time. One suggestion was to have the more prominent Alpha Taus give us short talks on their respective lines of endeavor, etc.

And lest you forget, we are still meeting at luncheons Thursdays in the A. T. O. corner of the Brevoort Hotel, Madison near LaSalle.

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#### HOUSTON.

There are about thirty A. T. O.'s living in Houston and we are trying to get them together, and perhaps may be able to organize an alumni Association. We are arranging to meet every Saturday at 12.30, in the main dining room of the Rice Hotel, and we want any A. T. O.'s who may read this, and are in Houston at that time, to be sure to join us.

Lewis A. Stephenson, Purdue, is now living in Houston. William W. Burke is also living here, and is connected with the Lumberman's Bank.

Those present at last Saturday's luncheon were: John Chas. Harris, Mt. Union; Joseph M. Cary, Columbian University; Frederick Teich, Pennsylvania; James F. Chambers, Kentucky; Jim and Val Dawson, Georgia Tech; Armisted Fisher, Texas; William Burke, Texas; Ewing Werlein, Tulane; Morris Hurlock, Texas; C. L. Bradt, Michigan.

CARL L. BRADT.

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#### NEW YORK.

This year the New York Alumni Association has been more active than usual and more successful in its efforts than it has for several years. The new men are making themselves known and getting into the game.

We closed the season with a farewell dinner and reception on March 13th to Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, who left on the 28th of March to become the next U. S. Consul at Jerusalem. The attendance was better than it had been for a long time. To acquaint a few with the previous meeting the secretary, H. M. Robinson, gave a very humorous report which was amended by F. A. Fall, bursar of New York University, in a most witty manner. Before the dinner was over some twenty men were handed short speeches to read about themselves. It seems one of our poets had written some limericks about these men and inasmuch as each expressed some personal vanity or gag, it was thought best to let each man blow his own horn. By this time everybody felt acquainted.

The dinner over, the president called on the Worthy Grand Chief to express to Doctor Glazebrook, on behalf of the fraternity at large, its congratulations, good wishes and appreciation of the debt every A. T. O.

owes Doctor Glazebrook. This was ably supplemented by John M. Thompson, on behalf of the association, who presented Doctor Glazebrook with a fine steamer blanket as a token of our esteem. Doctor Glazebrook responded in a few sentences that thoroughly expressed his love and appreciation of the fraternity and its members. No words could have been more simple and whole-souled than his expressions of his life interest in the efforts of the fraternity to make real men of its initiates.

Alexander Macomber, of Boston, Province Chief of Province IV, spoke in a very practical manner of the duty the alumni owe the alumni association, and also dwelt upon the efficiency the Worthy Grand Chief, Nathan F. Giffin, was putting into the administration of the fraternity, both nationally and locally. This brought out demands for another term for Giffin. Prof. E. C. Jacobs, of the University of Vermont, closed the speaking with well-chosen remarks about Doctor Glazebrook and the fraternity. The meeting then resolved into a songfest and round table for better acquaintance.

WADE GREENE.

In response to many requests for a photograph of our Founder which would have his official approval, and which could be obtained in a uniform size and framing by all of the different chapters, the Worthy Grand Chief requested the New York Alumni Association to take the matter in charge.

As a result, Doctor Glazebrook, a few days before sailing for Jerusalem, was induced to sit for his photograph, and it is now ready for publication.

The picture—pronounced a most excellent likeness—is 10x13 inches; with the frame 14x17 inches over all. The frame itself is of unusual quality, being of a very beautiful dark Circassian walnut, and is made without joints.

That the work is done by Pach Bros., the celebrated photographers, is in itself a guarantee of excellence.

As the extremely low price quoted us was made on the assumption that all of the chapters would be interested, it is earnestly hoped that each chapter will not fail to take this opportunity—which may never again present itself—of securing a copy.

The price, inclusive of frame, is \$5, to which please add 25 cents for postage.

Please send your order, together with those of any individual members who may desire copies, as soon as possible.

All orders should be accompanied by check, or money order, and sent to Harold M. Robinson, 630 West 135th Street, New York City.

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#### SPOKANE.

On November 1, 1913, at a very enthusiastic dinner meeting, the organization of the Spokane Alumni Association was effected. Temporary officers were elected and an application made for a charter.



The charter was received and on December 22, 1913, another dinner meeting was held and officers elected for the year 1914.

We have used our best endeavor to get in touch with all the brothers in this vicinity and would request any one knowing of brothers located in or near Spokane to advise us of their name and address to the end that we may interest them in our association.

We take this opportunity of extending a hearty invitation to any and all visiting brothers when in Spokane, to make themselves known so that we may all become better acquainted and thus drawn closer together.

— J. S. PERCIVAL, JR.

#### ST. LOUIS.

William C. Smiley, Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, in co-operation with the St. Louis Alumni Association, is planning the concentration, at St. Louis, of all trans-Mississippi delegates and alumni who are to attend the biennial Congress next December at Nashville. According to tentative plans the delegates will have a whole day in St. Louis. This will give them a chance to have a couple of meals with the St. Louis Alphas and see the city. Headquarters will be at the Planters Hotel.

The St. Louis Association looks forward with pleasure at the prospect of being hosts to the trans-Mississippi crowd and promises to do its best to give them a good time.

While in the city recently Province Chief George B. Drake, of Denver, paid the St. Louis boys a three-day visit. While here he not only stirred enthusiasm, but also unearthed some new material. On Tuesday evening, May 5th, a dinner was given in his honor at Forest Park Highlands, after which all present attended the theatre in a body.

Another recent visitor in St. Louis was Bernard D. Butler, New York Alpha Omicron. We are also glad to have visiting brothers look us up.

L. H. CUMMINGS.

# The Active Chapters

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## THE CHAPTER LETTERS

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### PROVINCE I

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#### ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC.

Our chapter has made an unusually good showing this year in athletics. We had a good bunch to represent us on the championship football team and have made almost as good a showing in baseball, as we have Arnold, who is manager of the team, playing second base, Louisell at first, and Prendergast, who is a first year man, as outfielder and utility man for the infield. During the series of games with Georgia we were glad to have with us Brown and Henderson, of Georgia Alpha Beta.

Several of our men were out for the class basketball teams and we hope some of them will be able to make varsity next year. As a whole the chapter made very good grades on the last examinations and we are preparing to do as good, if not better, on finals which will be here in about a month.

— YETTA G. SAMFORD.

#### ALABAMA.

Beta Delta is about to bring to a close one of the most successful years in the history of the chapter. As usual we are well represented in all phases of college activities. Hagan and Nathan are on the varsity baseball team. Neville has won his "A" in track this spring. Besides the varsity men we are well represented in class baseball.

Since the last letter to the PALM the chapter has enjoyed visits from Rush, Hannon, Plyer, Bouchelle, Franklin and Dabney. We have also enjoyed having with us several Alpha Taus who were here with the baseball teams which have played on the campus. Among these were Thomas, of Illinois Gamma Zeta; Brown and Henderson, of Georgia Iota, and Brumage, Tuttle and Sprague, of Kentucky Mu Iota. We regret very much the loss of Bethea, who had to leave school on account of his eyes. S. P. Smith has been elected vice president of the Pan-Hellenic Association. J. H. Hagan has been elected to the Key-Ice Club, an inter-fraternity social organization. The chapter house committee is still hard at work trying to raise funds for the erection of a chapter house by next fall.

GERALD WOODRUFF.

## FLORIDA.

Alpha Omega started the last term of the year with an event which will long be remembered by all Alpha Taus in the state. We had the province conclave, which is the first gathering of its nature ever held by any fraternity in the state. Besides the regular business sessions a banquet was held which attracted a good many alumni from all over the state and served the double purpose of bringing some of the older members together to talk over their college days and furnishing a congenial reunion for all visiting Taus. On Friday evening, February 13th, we "pulled off" the biggest dance ever witnessed in the history of the chapter. The dance closed the regular conclave and took the place of our regular Valentine ball.

We regret very much losing two of our brothers, Harry Klingler and Paul Burnett, who had to drop out of school. We are glad to welcome Harry Peeples, of Alpha Theta, who has affiliated with us.

We are keeping up the standard of Alpha Tau in college activities. Besides those already members of the two ribbon societies, H. B. Carter, Chillingworth and McNeil have been added to the "Serpents" and Burnett, Beeler and Newman have been added to the "Thetas." Chillingworth, Peeples and Hearin are in the University Dramatic Club, and Sutton and Henderson are in the Follies Dramatic Club. Henderson, Smith, Hearin, Buie and Sutton are taking leading parts in the university minstrel. Pruitt and Sutton have been chosen for the debating team in the Law Debating Club. Taylor and Sutton are representing their class in the senior oratorical contest. Peeples is representing the juniors in their contest and Street is representing his class in the freshman-sophomore contest to be held during commencement. Holland, Hearin and Henderson are playing in the university band. Taylor had to drop out of baseball on account of a sprained ankle. Buie is playing a star game at first. Sutton has been elected captain of next year's football team and Hearin has been elected business manager of the *Seminole* for next year.

We have received calls from several alumni, including Garrett, of Kissimmee; Mershon, of Ocala; Dr. J. D. Watkins, of Micanopy; Ward and Trantem, of Tallahassee; Christopher, of Jacksonville; Housholder, of Sanford; John Moody and wife, of Tampa, and Wilson, of Alpha Nu.

W. EVERETT STREET.

## GEORGIA

Alpha Beta is now starting the third term of the year with the determination on the part of all to make it a success, despite the lazying effects of spring. The last term was a creditable one for us, as our reports showed a scholastic improvement on the part of all.

Henderson and H. Brown are now regulars on the varsity baseball team. Henderson is at present leading the team in batting with an average of .439, having played in all twelve games so far.

Wood and Jenkins both made places among the six junior orators. We are now very much interested in the inter-fraternity baseball games and feel sure of winning the pennant under the able management of Jenkins, the invincible twirling of Andrews and Cocke and the sturdy playing of Burt at first base. We have recently been visited by Thomas, of Illinois, and Morrison, of Vanderbilt, who were playing ball with their respective teams. Also we have been visited by Arrington, of Beta Iota.

H. D. ALLEN, JR.

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#### EMORY.

On the night of April 11th Alpha Theta entertained about seventy guests at her annual Easter reception. Quite a number of out-of-town guests were present and the affair proved one of the most delightful we have had in some time. The house, which was decorated with spring flowers, looked unusually pretty, and the color scheme was also carried out in the refreshments, which consisted of a salad course, cream and cake.

On the night of April 25th we celebrated our thirty-third anniversary with a smoker. S. L. Holland, '12, delivered the alumni address and quite a number of the alumni were back for the occasion.

An event of unusual interest in the fraternity world occurred here a few weeks ago. The Pan-Hellenic Council, which has been working on a set of rules to govern pledging, at last succeeded in formulating a set that was agreeable to all and they were passed. The rules embody three main points: first, pledge day shall be the second Wednesday in February; second, no man shall mention fraternity to any new man until the appointed time, nor shall any fraternity in any way put a man under any obligations to them during the fall term; third, no man shall be eligible for membership who fails in more than one study during the fall term. These rules will go into effect in the fall and much improvement of existing conditions is hoped for from them.

In the recent Student Government elections Alpha Theta was unusually fortunate in that not one of her men was defeated. J. M. Montfort was elected literary editor of the college monthly, and S. R. Williams was elected business manager of the same publication. R. J. Broyles was elected editor-in-chief of the annual and C. H. Arnold was elected business manager of the college weekly. F. R. Lane was elected a member of the athletic committee.

At the recent declamation trials G. L. Toole was chosen one of the sophomore commencement speakers. J. M. Montfort was awarded a



junior speaker's place on his classroom work. On the diamond Alpha Theta is represented by J. M. Montfort, S. R. Williams, F. R. Lane and C. N. Robeson.

PAUL W. QUILLIAN.

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#### MERCER.

The second term's work was brought to a close by the final examinations in the middle of March. Each brother's report shows that he has been doing his duty in the classroom, which is a very gratifying fact to the chapter.

At the conclave of Province I, at Florida, we were represented by Tom Jones, who delivered to the chapter an interesting, as well as instructive, report of the conclave.

We are losing three men by graduation, three of whom we are proud of. In various ways each man has filled prominent places in Mercer's college life. The chapter certainly will miss them next year.

During the next rushing season we expect to pledge a large number of men, but if any Alpha Tau knows of a young fellow that would make good fraternity material and that expects to enter Mercer, he would confer a great favor on the chapter by sending us his name.

J. V. BOATRIGHT, JR.

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#### TULANE.

We have been unfortunate this year in losing Barr, by illness, and Moore, to Texas by transfer. We feel that Beta Epsilon has not been behind in her share of honors this year as we sum them up. Barr was business manager of the *Jambalaya*, our annual publication, up to the time of his illness. Holloway is on the *Jambalaya* board from the medical department. Blue was elected to the athletic board, as one of the three, one of the school's highest offices to bestow. Alex Norman is president of the Glee Club, in which we will be represented on the trip by Norman, Bowers, Werlein and Stouse. Werlein has been elected as the Cecil Rhodes scholar from Louisiana. This should put Werlein on our list for honor certificates. On the track we are represented by Werlein in the high jump, in which he holds the southern record, and by Stouse in the half mile, who is at present Tulane's best man in that event. Henderson Norman has been elected a member of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

Beta Epsilon welcomes the opportunity to be host at our next province conclave, as this was decided at our last conclave at Gainesville.

Owing to a peculiar local state of affairs at Tulane of a Pan-Hellenic of only two-thirds of the academic fraternities at college, Beta Epsilon has seen fit to withdraw from the Tulane Pan-Hellenic.

It is generally believed that the Tulane Pan-Hellenic Association cannot survive through the following year. There are thirteen academic fraternities at Tulane: Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega,

Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha and Zeta Beta Tau. Of these, nine compose the Pan-Hellenic, while four have withdrawn, Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha and Sigma Alpha Epsilon in November, and Alpha Tau Omega in April, with a probability of more to follow in the near future, owing to the general dissatisfaction.

The fraternities withdrawing seem to have the entire approval and endorsement of their national organizations, as no steps have been taken to punish them, and boards of inquiry have reported in favor of the withdrawing fraternities. The general dissatisfaction seems to be with the loose construction of the agreement, and with the inability of the fraternities to act together to change the constitution which takes a unanimous vote.

As developments only seem to bring further complications, with no apparent solution in sight, it is perhaps not venturing too much to say that next year will see a new Pan-Hellenic or no Pan-Hellenic at Tulane.

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#### TEXAS.

Winter term exams paid us their annual visit the latter part of March. Not one of our men failed to make enough courses to stay in the house, however, and we feel much easier along that line. This past term has been one of the many pleasures for us in many ways. Since January we have had two dances at the house—one in the early part of the term and the other was a breakfast dance in February, and was said to have been the best dance of the year. The entire downstairs of our house was elaborately decorated for the occasion. At 7.30 a four-course breakfast was served, after which dancing begun and lasted till 11.30. We also had a smoker in February. This was given for rushing purposes and we had eighteen or twenty of the best freshmen in school over. These smokers are good rushing schemes and we have another planned for this month.

Our time has not all been spent in a social way, however, and our men have had their parts in the various activities. Bradley and LoPrelle were on the junior and sophomore reception committees; Adams is assistant manager of the annual; Terry is a director in the German Club; Erhard was speaker of the middle law banquet; Cone is varsity's best pitcher, and Burney is on the students' council.

We have had visits from several brothers lately. Franklin and Cleveland, of Houston, paid us a short visit, also William Sims. We also had a three days' visit from our Colorado brothers, Walters, Griffin, McGraw, Bailey, Milroy and Hubert, all of whom were members of the Colorado baseball team.

RAMSEY H. MOORE.

## PROVINCE II

## ILLINOIS.

Spring, the most enjoyable term at Gamma Zeta, is with us again and finds everything in the best of shape. There is rarely a vacant seat these days in the row of chairs that line the front railing of the porch, and here the fussers, war enthusiasts and automobile fans, with feet perched high, pass away the hours discussing their favorite topics. The boys, of late afternoons, have adopted a neighbor's dog, who though not of very high degree, has a good heart and a happy disposition.

Our baseball team under the leadership of French, who has pitched remarkable ball for three years, is out practicing every night, and we are expecting great things from him. Our bowling team landed second in the division.

Gamma Zeta is represented in the college activities by the same list of brothers that has been enumerated before. Several special honors have come to us lately: Stanley Pogue has been elected to the Order of the Coif; Robert Thomas has been initiated into the honorary engineering fraternity, Sigma Tau, and is president of the "I" Club, and Roger Bronson has received the appointment of business manager of the University of Illinois 1916 annual.

Seven seniors will leave us by graduation this year. We are expecting about twenty active brothers to return in the fall.

ROGER HILL.

## CHICAGO.

We were much encouraged upon our return for the spring quarter to learn that we had maintained our position of first place in scholarship among the fraternities at the university. Gamma Xi has enjoyed the distinction of first rank for five consecutive quarters, and inasmuch as we have not lost any men during the year, the chances of our supremacy during the coming quarter are excellent. The chapter has been strengthened by the initiation of two of our pledges, David E. Shambaugh and Paul G. Blazer.

In a social way the chapter house has been used by the senior class of the university for teas upon two occasions. We have given informal musicals upon two Sunday afternoons, at which a large number of our alumni were present with their ladies. Our annual alumni dance was given at the chapter house on the evening of May 23d. It was a decided success in every way. We have been continuing the custom of entertaining various members of the faculty at dinner on one evening every week. Plans are being made for the dicennial celebration of the institution of the Gamma Xi chapter here at Chicago, which is to take place on the last two days of the quarter, viz., June 5th and 6th.



Among activities on the campus, Windrow had the leading part in the cast of the Blackfriar show and brought a great deal of credit upon the chapter by his excellent acting. Crawford was property man of the show. Lunde is kept very busy as president of the Undergraduate Council and Haupt and Crawford are prominent in the Mandolin Club. Hupp has made the varsity baseball squad and is doing excellent work. We had the pleasure of entertaining the Glee and Mandolin Clubs of Ohio Gamma Kappa, who were giving a concert in the city. We were glad to have them remain with us during their stay in Chicago.

A. W. HAUPT.

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### ROSE POLYTECHNIC.

Gamma Gamma is approaching the end of an exceptionally successful year from every standpoint. Scholastically we are standing as well as any fraternity at Rose. In spite of the fact that about twenty-five per cent. of the freshman class were forced to withdraw after the annual weeding out process, following the mid-year examinations, Alpha Tau did not lose a man. We have four men graduating this year: Pfau, Gillum and Templeton in civil engineering, and Spruhan in mechanical. The seniors are now hard at work on their theses.

Unusual interest has been developed here in track, following the selection of Paul Turk as coach. This is largely due to the work of Templeton, who is serving his second year as track captain. Two of our freshmen, Mills and Rector, are showing up well in practice, and Woodward and Spruhan are expected to win most of the medals in the weight events. In addition to the I. C. A. L. meet at Wabash, the track team will meet St. Mary's College at Dayton, Ohio; Earlham College at Richmond, and DePauw University at Greencastle. A three-cornered meet with Eastern Illinois Normal and Indiana State Normal will probably be held in Terre Haute.

The chapter is, as usual, represented in all the various student activities, including the Symphony Club and Glee Club, in both of which organizations we have the secretary-treasurer. We are also represented on the *Modulus* staff and the board of editors of the *Technic*, and will have the basketball manager next year.

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### PURDUE.

A start on an annual alumni reunion was made April 11th by holding a banquet. Eleven old men were back and every one enjoyed the affair. The alumni were R. E. O'Connor, Delphi, Ind.; M. W. Manz, Huntington, Ind.; J. H. Cannon, Pittsburgh, Pa.; J. Newnam, Indianapolis, Ind.; D. R. Lindley, Indianapolis, Ind.; D. R. Teetor, Indianapolis, Ind.; S. C. Moore, Indianapolis, Ind.; T. C. Schmid, Indianapolis, Ind.;



William Chestnutt, Indianapolis, Ind.; Louis Bowser, Lafayette, Ind. George Becker, of Kentucky Mu Iota, was also present.

House parties were held on March 6th, 7th and 8th and April 17th, 18th and 19th, the latter being at the event of the Purdue junior prom. The former party embraced a dance and attendance at the Minnesota basketball game, while the latter included the junior prom, Harlequin Club show and Rose Poly baseball game.

We have had visits from McMasters, of Ohio State, and Stackhouse, Butler, Getz, Stephens, Estabrook and Luckett, of Gamma Omicron. Luckett at the time of his visit was married to Miss Lenora Williams, of Lafayette. Boyd and Holden were recently elected to Tau Beta Pi. In baseball we are represented by Gano and Wates on the senior team, Becker on the freshman team, and Finn on the varsity. In the fraternity scholarship race we finished third of all the fraternities, and first of those in the Pan-Hellenic Council.

JOHN R. FINN.

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#### ADRIAN.

Having recently redecorated our hall, we held an informal banquet as a sort of a house-warming. Some twenty-five couples were in attendance, including a number of our alumni. The evening was certainly one of the most pleasant of the school year.

Clinton Rogge visited us for a few days while passing through the city on a coast to coast trip. He has been trying out with the Chicago White Sox in California, but is now signed up with the Toronto baseball club of the International League, joining his team, April 20th, at Providence, Rhode Island. Webster has gone to Whitefish, Montana, where he takes a position with the Great Northern Railroad. Osborne left school some time ago to enter the employ of a copper mining company in Morenci, Arizona. Dysinger and Queen are already located there, together with one or two Alpha Taus from other chapters, so there will certainly be no lack of A. T. O. spirit and fraternity feeling. We were glad to have R. R. McFall and wife with us for a short visit. This year we have eight A. T. O.'s on the baseball team. Jennings has been elected captain of the reserves.

THOS. SOULE.

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#### HILLSDALE.

Miller has been chosen as a member of the college debating team which won from Kalamazoo College in its first debate on April 25th. On the baseball team we are represented by Sawdey, Mitchell and Roberts of last year's squad, while Williams, '17, is proving himself a valuable addition to the pitching staff. It is expected that the team will be the strongest one that has represented the school in years and every man is working hard to win another championship for the white and blue. In

track, also, our men are showing up well. Tarbell, our 200-pound freshman, is throwing the shot and discus in great form, having already equaled the M. I. A. A. record in these events. De Lapp and Reynolds are also showing up in their respective events.

For the last year or so we have been actively engaged in raising funds for the purchase of a chapter house and the amount, in pledges and cash, has now reached the fine sum of \$2,000. We feel greatly encouraged by the way in which every one is responding. Calkins has been appointed as Beta Kappa's delegate to the province conclave at Ann Arbor and several of the other brothers are also planning on attending at least part of the sessions.

Plans are now being made for our "annual stag house party" at Baw Beese Lake. This is always looked forward to by the brothers, as it gives them an opportunity to "get together" with the true Alpha Tau spirit, and thus cements more firmly the bonds of fraternal friendship.

In the early part of March the chapter gave an informal reception and banquet in honor of Fern Shannon, '06, Michigan State Chemist, who delivered a lecture here during "Good Health" week observance. We have also been glad to receive visits at the house from H. B. Woodward, '90, of Benzonia, Michigan, and C. V. Smith, '02, of Calcutta, India.

WEYLAND S. HARVEY.

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#### MICHIGAN.

Between semesters Beta Lambda held her usual house party which was enjoyed by all the fellows who attended. However, during the house party Crawford met with a serious accident. His neck was badly twisted which caused him considerable pain and trouble and after remaining in the hospital for several weeks was taken home. He has just been able to get around, but does not intend to return to school again until next fall. He made us a visit shortly after Easter. Paul Schmidt is trying out regularly for the freshman baseball team and at present it appears as though he had a good chance to make it. Glen Angle, who left school last year to accept a position as chief engineer, dropped in on April 19th to make the boys a short visit and partake again of the joys of a university town. Stewart Pierce left school soon after the beginning of this semester, but intends to continue his university work next year.

For the past two months we have enjoyed the sport of a house dog. He makes plenty of fun for the boys, but he has developed a habit of chasing the neighbors' cats, much to our amusement and to the neighbors' dislike.

Our scholastic standing this year is expected to be near the top, for we have many high men in the house and all have done their best

W. WHITNEY SLAGHT.

## ALBION.

On the Friday following St. Patrick's Day we gave our annual St. Patrick's dinner party which was a success far beyond our expectations. About three weeks ago we hired the roller rink where we gave a skating party which was scarcely less of a success.

At the mid-year class elections Harold Spears was elected secretary of the freshman class, Harry Prall president of the sophomore class and Paul Weigman president of the senior class. Donald Fall will act as gifting for the seniors at the annual senior chapel service.

Next fall, at least eleven old fellows will return for another year's work at Albion. Some of the men who are leaving for universities or positions as teachers have promised to come back to help us rush men during the rushing season. A few of the brothers will bring prospective pledges back with them, so that we shall have a good start with fine chances of maintaining the present position of Alpha Tau, which is in every way one of the strongest fraternities on the Hill. As none of our men will be graduated next year, and but two or three the year following, our prospects for bringing Beta Omicron chapter to the front have been unparalleled during the last eight or ten years. We have much faith in the future of the chapter.

On March 23d the Greek-letter men of the four men's fraternities held the first inter-fraternity banquet ever held at Albion. At the banquet many of the fraternity problems were frankly discussed by representatives of the four organizations present. The subjects, which are suggestive, are as follows: "Fraternity Co-operation," E. Evans, of Delta Tau Delta; "The Fraternity Crisis," Donald Fall, of Alpha Tau Omega; "Good Scholarship vs. Good Fellowship," P. Reed, of Sigma Chi; "The Fraternity Man in College," R. Newman, of Sigma Nu. Besides these there were many other good and pertinent toasts by different alumni. President Dickie gave an especially good one, in which he did not in the least mince matters as to the fraternity situation, but which was, in spite of this, thoroughly optimistic. This banquet which has served its purpose of producing better fellowship on the part of the members of the different fraternities, is the first of what we hope will be an annual affair.

As the baseball season has scarcely opened final results are hard to forecast, yet it is safe to say, I think, that at least five men will receive their "A's" for baseball. Our prospects for athletics are excellent, both for this year and next.

Unfortunately we lose eight men, two of whom are undergraduates and six are seniors. Prall and Shearer, two sophomores, go to the University of Michigan to start courses in medicine. Paul Weigman, Arthur Reed and Lillard Culver have accepted teaching positions. Ray Babcock has not yet decided whether he will teach or do graduate work at the university. Donald Fall will immediately on being graduated start work in his chosen field of journalism. Blinn Bushaw is still undecided whether he will return next year or enter business with his father.



The following is taken from the *Pleiad*, our college paper: "W. Harold Wilson, who was salutatorian of last year's graduating class, has accepted an appointment as an assistant in mathematics at the University of Illinois for the year 1914-15."

HAROLD GOODFELLOW.

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#### WISCONSIN.

We are looking forward to the two weeks' rushing season which commences the first Saturday in May, and have gathered the names of nearly a hundred likely freshmen. We anticipate no difficulty and look to our new house, which will soon be in the process of construction, to be a big asset. The strain of last year's prolonged rushing season will be eliminated this year by the new rules which provide that the rushing period shall be reduced from one month to two weeks. Freshmen may receive only three invitations for the first week, to be received through the office of the students' interest committee. Dates may be made at will for the second week.

The inter-fraternity bowling tournament has just ended, and though we failed to shower ourselves with glory as a team, Weber took most of the individual honors. We are expecting better things in the coming baseball season. Woodson was initiated into Scabbard and Blade, an honorary military organization, recently. Anderson made his "W" in basketball, playing all season on the team that won the conference championship. This is the third basketball championship in three years.

We anticipate giving a formal dance the latter part of May and a house party. We have been visited by a number of our alumni and wish that more of them might come. We were pleased to receive a visit from Beeman, of Cleveland.

A. W. PRUSSING.

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#### PROVINCE III

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##### COLORADO.

Two Gamma Lambdas have been married since the last issue of the PALM. John T. Barbrick, a senior in the law school, surprised the chapter by marrying Miss Leanora Calkins, of Denver, the latter part of February. The wedding was kept secret and it was not until some weeks later that the affair was discovered. Harry L. Lubers, one of the Denver alumni, was also married last month.

Alpha Tau Omega still leads in athletics. Out of the fourteen men taken on the university baseball trip, six, including the captain, both catchers and two pitchers, were Alpha Taus. Besides these, Vincent is track captain, and Scott is on the championship tennis team.

Lytle, Barbrick and Sibbald are members of the Glee Club and went on the long trip over the western slope. The Glee Club covered over



2,000 miles on this trip and played in every town of size in the western part of the state.

Three of the university student managers are Alpha Taus. Beverly is manager of high school day, one of the most responsible jobs in school. Welles is assistant manager and will be manager next year. This will make three years in succession that an A. T. O. has held this position. Olin is freshman member of the baseball managerial staff.

R. M. SCOTT, JR.

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#### SIMPSON.

On Saturday, March 28th, Beta Alpha held an informal house-warming. All the active men and several of the local alumni were present and enjoyed the evening's entertainment. Professors Olive, Rhodes and Harvey favored us with musical numbers, and to close the program, the bunch sang a collection of the fraternity songs.

Simpson has just closed a very successful basketball season, losing only three of the games on her schedule. Two of our men, Slocum and Wilson, held regular positions on the team throughout the season. Prospects are bright for winning baseball and track teams.

Three of our old men, Colburn, Wilson and Groves, have been forced to leave school on account of outside duties. Since the second semester, we have initiated three new men, Trumbo, Kern and Wright. Harris, a sophomore, has been elected by the class as editor of the 1916 *Zenith*, the college annual. Shaw, another of our new men, was elected president of the Phi Rho Delta, the honorary forensic fraternity.

President Noble, of the house corporation, reports that the subscriptions on the house fund are coming in rapidly and that all payments are being promptly met. It now appears that the corporation will be free from debt in a short time, and that Beta Alpha will own her own home, unencumbered.

The Men's and Ladies' Glee Clubs, directed by Professor Rhodes and managed by Harold F. Pote, gave their first annual home concert on Wednesday evening, April 29th. The program was one of the finest ever heard in this city, and the way it was received promises great success for the clubs on their western trip during the summer.

The fourth annual Simpson interscholastic field meet was held Friday, May 1st. Over two hundred athletes from the high schools of the state helped make the meet the most successful one yet held. The meet was under the control of the "S" Club and was managed by Walter C. Stubbs.

HOWARD WRIGHT.

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#### IOWA STATE.

We regret very much the graduation of Hostetter, Schreiber, Schreck and Wollen. All these men have been or are now active men in college

activities and we will miss them considerably. Schreiber retires from the editorship of the *Iowa Engineer* after an exceptionally successful year. While editor he instituted several innovations, such as illustrating the articles and changing the cover design each month. Next year we will be represented on the same paper by McGavren, who was elected business manager. Wolven was manager of the *Ames Forester*, an annual put out by the seniors of the forestry department. Inter-fraternity baseball is in its second season at Iowa State with fourteen teams competing for the championship trophy. The trophy, which is a silver cup, is presented by one of the business men of the city and must be won three times in succession before it becomes the permanent possession of the winner. The new chemistry building is rapidly nearing completion and the plans have been drawn for a new horticultural building which is to cost approximately \$150,000. The second dance of the term was held April 18th and was one of the most successful of the year. Arp, the captain of the victorious freshman basketball team, is out for the freshman baseball team and will probably win a place.

H. C. HOSTETTER.

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#### KANSAS.

Gamma Mu has passed through a very successful portion of the spring weather without being attacked seriously with the "fever." Bishop, last year's star pitcher, was elected captain of the baseball team and started the season in good form by winning his first game. He has signed with the Cleveland Americans to play league baseball this summer. Van der Vries is playing shortstop on the varsity. He received his second basketball "K" last season. We think we have a very good show of winning the fraternity baseball championship this spring, as we have already won two games in our series. Three of the brothers in Gamma Mu have represented us in school dramatics this spring.

GUY L. WALDO.

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#### MINNESOTA.

An endeavor is being made by Gamma Nu to pledge a sufficient number of town men this spring in order that we may devote our entire time next fall to new house men. Four men have already been pledged; plans are made and prospects good for three or four more good pledges before school closes.

The annual banquet, held April 9th at the University Club, was largely attended, more alumni being present than at any previous similar occasion. The freshmen displayed their "pep" by giving the chapter and alumni a smoker the night before vacation. An informal dance was given a few days previous and plans are now being completed for a formal dance to be given at one of the lakes.

In track this spring our chapter is represented by Captain Spink, who will run the dashes; Aldworth, throwing the discus, and Dunnel, in the

half-mile. Lawler, captain of the baseball team, was forced to leave school on account of an operation, so our only representative in baseball is Townsend of the freshman team. Dunnel has recently been initiated into the Mitre Club, an honorary junior society.

As we lose only three men this year and have that same number already pledged, the size of this chapter will materially increase next year. We will be greatly assisted in our rushing next fall by the redecoration of the house this summer by the alumni association. A commendable change has been made in the initiation rules, whereby pledges are not to be initiated until the second semester rather than at the end of the first eight weeks.

Our scholarship record showed a decided improvement last semester and hopes are entertained of raising the standing still higher. The chapter received pleasant visits recently from Heidel, Zimmerman, Randall, Cole, Scheuller and Hood.

CHAS. W. COLE.

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#### MISSOURI.

Gamma Rho is nearing the end of the school year in flourishing condition, considering the new house and consequent additional expense. In the social whirl, the chapter ranks high in school. A dance and dinner party during the Easter holidays was a decided success and another is planned soon. It will be the annual formal dance of the chapter.

Wilbur H. Hutsell has distinguished himself in track athletics this spring. He is the best quarter miler in the university and his fleetness on several occasions has saved a relay or middle distance race for the school. Carlisle R. Wilson has been selected national president of Quo Vadis, a national social society which takes part in student activities and has as one of the qualifications for membership the ability to "bum" on railroads. Charles C. Woods will represent Missouri in tennis this year, being captain of the tennis team. Erwin Miner is coach of the freshman baseball squad. Warren J. Viley and C. R. Wilson were chosen to Phi Alpha Delta recently. Arnold Leonard has been chosen to represent the University of Missouri at the International Students' Conference at Santiago, Chile, in July. At the University Athletic Carnival in April, Woods and Hutsell and pledges Earl Renick and Charles Fawcett won the inter-fraternity relay for Alpha Tau Omega, in a close race between the teams of eight fraternities. This chapter won a cup, and won a similar trophy last year by winning this event. A night study class may soon be established to keep up the standard of the under classmen. Gamma Rho is trying to improve her scholastic standing, which, last semester, was near the top of the list. With the closing weeks of the session, it is decided to keep the matter of study ever present in the minds of the younger generation, who usually are responsible for poor grades in the chapter.

THOMAS S. HUDSON.



## WYOMING.

Gamma Psi enters upon her second year with renewed success. We held our first anniversary banquet at the Thornburg Hotel on March 24th. At this banquet there were present eighteen active brothers and four pledges and Louis A. Reilley, of Gamma Lambda. A very pleasant evening was spent and speeches told of the history of the chapter and its plans for the future. Reilley sang a song of his own composition which he proposes to dedicate to Gamma Psi. As soon as this song is perfected and in our hands, we will endeavor to publish it and distribute copies to the various chapters.

On March 21st we were pleased to entertain Randy Ballinger, of Gamma Lambda, who was guest of honor at a smoker given that evening. Ballinger made the trip to Laramie just previous to his departure to Ogden, where he will pitch ball during the coming season. Two brothers and one pledge have been awarded letters in basketball. They are pledge McCracken and N. Rogers and J. Davis. On April 21st the university debating team met and defeated the Denver University team. Two of our brothers, E. Davis and Peterson, won places on the successful team by competitive debating and a third, Bancroft, was alternate. This debate terminated a two years' contract with Denver. As a better means of keeping in contact with our alumni, we have devised a scheme of sending out a circular alumni letter each month.

WM. B. COBB.

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PROVINCE IV

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## MAINE.

On Monday evening, April 20th, the first house party of the year was held and was in every way the best that has been held for some years. The chapter was very glad to welcome several of the alumni and their wives as guests that evening.

Baseball is well on its way. Goodwin, '15, is manager and Burke, '16, is assistant manager of the team, while Baker, '15, and Welsh, '15, are members of it. McCobb, '17, is working out for track and Parshley, '17, is making a strong bid for assistant manager.

The fund for the purpose of remodeling the inside of the house is to be slowly raised and it is hoped that the work will be done by next Christmas. The chapter is planning to edit a booklet each year which will be sent to the alumni and to the other chapters.

Goodwin, '15, is a member of the junior week committee and Baker, '15, is floor director for the junior prom. Crocker, '14, was recently elected curator for the commencement day exercises and Tipping, '14, is a member of the committee for the commencement ball.

FRED H. CURTIS



## COLBY.

The return of spring finds Gamma Alpha in a flourishing condition. We now number thirty-seven, Dunn, '17, having been initiated since our last letter. We are fairly well represented in athletics. Harriman, '17, has made the varsity baseball team; Reynolds, '14, and Waldron, '17, made the relay team which competed at the Pennsylvania meet April 25th, while in addition to these two, Dunn and Lord represented us in the Maine intercollegiate meet May 16th.

Knight, '14, represented the college at the Peace Prize Speaking Contest held at the University of Maine April 12th. The chapter held a very enjoyable social dance at the Tacconet clubhouse March 21st, which was attended by about twenty-five couples. Adams, '15; Stanwood, '17, and Tozier, '17, are back in college after having passed safely through an epidemic of scarlet fever, on account of which college was closed a few days before our spring vacation was to begin. The eating club has been discontinued temporarily, owing to the death of the matron who had it in charge, but it is hoped that it will be recontinued shortly. Among the recent visitors at the house have been C. A. Treat, ex-'15; McMann, ex-'15; R. A. Stewart, ex-'13; Lyle Stanley, ex-'14; Leo Shesong, '13, and E. L. Allen, '01.

H. S. CAMPBELL.

## M. I. T.

Beta Gamma lost no one at mid-years for which we feel duly thankful. We had barely started the second term when the fifth biennial conclave was held here in Boston. We were favored with the presence of several of our grand officers. Saturday, February 28th, marked a house party. Several of the brothers went down to see a show in the afternoon and after having tea came up to the house where dinner was served to thirty. After dinner the musicians tuned up and dancing was in order until 11.30. The following Saturday evening there was an entertainment at the institute for the benefit of athletics. The show was called "Yish Ka Bibble" and all the brothers who saw it say that it was as good as its name.

Our initiation banquet held March 12th, which is the anniversary of the re-establishment of this chapter, was a most successful affair. The banquet was held at the Hotel Thorndike. In addition to the delegates from the several chapters of this province we had with us many alumni. Harvey L. Bowman, who was at that time the last A. T. O. in the country to have been initiated, being the last man taken in by the new Gamma Omega chapter, gave us a very interesting report on conditions at the baby chapter. Martin, of Purdue, who was in town on business, came around and told us of the New York alumni and its doings. Province Chief Macomber told us of the flowering conditions in this province. Things quieted down for a while and the crowd began to make preparations for junior week, which is the big social event of the year. The

time was upon us before we knew it. It is the custom here for all the fellows to move up to the fifth floor and turn the first four floors over to the ladies. On Wednesday, April 15th, all was in readiness and the festivities started with a rush. Wednesday night came the spring concert of the Musical Clubs of the institute which was followed by a dance lasting until 2 o'clock. There were over fifteen couples from the house present. Mason, Moorehouse and Marine represented us in the clubs. Thursday it rained and the party held a "get-together" in the house. After dinner at the house thirty-five of us went up to the Boston Opera House to see "A Royal Johnny," the Tech show for 1914. After the show we returned to the house and had some refreshments and then danced for an hour or two. Friday afternoon was spent in various ways, some going to a show, others taking in sights around town. Friday evening was the biggest time of all. The prom came that night and A. T. O. was well represented at the affair. The year book which comes out at this time was a work of art. We were fortunate enough to have two men on the board. Spear was treasurer and Small was one of the editors. In the "rush" for the honor copies Farnsworth got number eleven out of the twenty.

The prom over we are now turning our efforts to our studies. There are just five weeks to exams. In the spring activities we are represented by Sifton and Bertlesen in crew and Gardner and Farnsworth in baseball. PAUL F. BUXTON.

### TUFTS.

Most of our men attended the fifth biennial convocation of Province IV, long to be remembered by its most successful business meeting, the jolly good time at the Tech smoker in the evening, the memorable banquet in the evening. Our late afternoon and the informal Saturday afternoon parties have annual dance and several functions so far this spring. Nelson, '11, has been Gamma Beta's social year, has given his annual orange feed, who is living at the house this back to enjoy the good time. many immediate alumni coming

We are represented by Bennett, '14, as the regular catcher and Porter, '17, substitute in the same position, on the varsity baseball team of this year. Ford, '14, is baseball manager. Hodges and Burritt are very active these days as chairmen of the class day and junior prom committees, respectively. Burritt is also editor of the *Ivy Book*, the yearly standard handbook for the undergraduates.

We feel that there is not the co-operation that might be desired among the many chapters throughout the country in the matter of keeping individual chapters informed concerning prospective sub-freshmen. Gamma Beta would be pleased to hear of any likely men who are coming to Tufts and if return will be glad to reciprocate should she know of men going to other colleges where our chapters are situated.

Outside of the frequent visits from alumni and our nearby brothers in M. I. T., Fairchilds, of Kansas Gamma Mu, and Philbrook, of Maine Beta Upsilon, have dropped in this spring to spend a day with us.

E. STOWELL.

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#### WORCESTER TECH.

The past few weeks have been busy ones for Gamma Sigma. The annual initiation banquet was held at the Worcester Automobile Club rooms March 7th, delegates being present from nearly all the New England chapters. Ormsbee was toastmaster, and fourteen new initiates were present to attest the chapter's growing activity.

The annual house party was held March 27th to 30th, inclusive. On Friday evening the guests were taken to the Tech show, in which Haselton played second lead and Bird a character part, while Taylor and Wood composed the song hit of the show. Thurston and Dunbar were advertising manager and assistant advertising manager, respectively. Saturday evening the party attended the Tech show hop, of which Howes was chairman of the committee in charge. After spending Sunday in various ways, dancing commenced at the house at midnight and lasted until morning.

Baseball gives opportunity to several of the men. Haselton is this year's manager and Warner is assistant manager. Dunbar has practically cinched the first base position, and Jordan and Daniels are showing fine form as box artists. Stone is also on the squad. In a dual track meet with Renssalaer Tech, Farnsworth helped win the meet by placing first in the high hurdles and second in the low hurdles.

In the elections to honorary societies held recently, Tilton was elected to Sigma Xi, and Crippen to Tau Beta Pi. Tilton is editor-in-chief of the *Aftermath*, which is being published now, and Hancock is business manager. Gray and Fritch are also on the staff. Fritch is chairman of the commencement committee, of which Tilton is also a member. Ormsbee is one of the two senior class prophets. Darling was elected freshman class secretary at a recent meeting, and Davidson has been elected a member of the 1915 *Aftermath* board. Among guests who have been with us recently are Timmerman, of Alpha Omicron; Welch, Lowe, Marriner and Wooley, of Beta Gamma; Barnwell, of Beta Iota; Welsh, of Alpha Beta; Richey, of Gamma Kappa; Knight, of Gamma Alpha; Gilbert, of Beta Zeta; Hodges and Fuller, of Gamma Beta; Brown and Curtis, of Gamma Delta, and Lancaster, Foley, Cunningham, Turner, Pease, Waldo, C. N. Frizzell, Watson and Hossack, of Gamma Sigma.

C. S. DARLING.

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#### BROWN.

Soon after the beginning of the second semester the members of Gamma Delta were surprised and overwhelmed to learn definitely that one



member of the active chapter had completed his first step toward making a home for himself. The member was Daniels, who was married about a year ago. The entire chapter wishes him and his a prosperous and happy life.

A number of men attended the conclave of Province IV in Boston on February 23d. Curtis, '16, and Brown, '14, were sent as delegates to the initiation banquets at Worcester Tech and M. I. T., respectively.

The sub-freshman banquet is to be held next Saturday after the Yale game. It is expected that a number of alumni will be present and aid us in pledging up a good delegation. Bagnall, '14, is chairman of the sub-freshman banquet committee. Bagnall is also a member of the senior ball committee. Murphy, '16, who has now left college, was on the sophomore ball committee. E. S. Staples, '15, is a member of the junior week committee. Black, '17, expects to make the freshman baseball team. Tewhill is playing gilt-edge ball for the varsity at the keystone sack. We have selected North Wilson for our class day stand.

Next fall will be the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Brown University. At the same time Gamma Delta will have passed a life of two decades. The active chapter do not feel that they should undertake to draw up a program for the observance of this occasion without the deep interest and activity of the alumni. We should like to have the opinion of the alumni on this matter. Every Friday night we should be pleased to have at least one alumnus visit us. Why not? It adds zest and dignity to the meeting.

R. T. STAPLES.

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### VERMONT.

At last the snow has gone and Beta Zeta is enjoying the spring weather. The bunch has been together three times in the A. T. O. swamp and practiced for the series of inter-fraternity baseball games. Our first game is with Delta Mu on May 2d. Plans are on foot for another dance to be held Wednesday, May 20th. This will be the first event of junior week. We have five men out for the play, "Just Out of College," by George Ade, which will be presented junior week, Friday, May 22d. Bean is sure of the role of leading lady. Edgerton was in the hospital during vacation and returned to college duties April 20th. Bogie was quarantined with chickenpox during vacation and returned April 22d. Gilbert, '14, is on the senior week committee. Fitch, '14, is chairman of the pipe committee. Gaylord, '14, is chairman of the committee on class day arrangements and is on the cap and gown committee. Sanders, '17, is chairman of the pipe committee.

HAROLD P. GAYLORD.



## PROVINCE V

## ST. LAWRENCE.

Our chapter finished the first semester with the highest average among men's fraternities. Besides this we have attained a number of offices which still keep us in our high rank in St. Lawrence. At the close of the basketball season N. E. Wheeler was unanimously elected captain of next year's team, and T. F. Canfield and S. F. Griswold won "L's." H. B. Hutchins was appointed manager for next year. F. R. Chappell was captain of the freshman basketball team, and G. M. McGinnis and V. B. Gallagher made class basketball numerals. A. J. Cheritree is manager of the college play this spring, and H. B. Hutchins has made a leading part in the cast. In the elections of the Press Association and the *Hill News* held recently, nine of the seventeen offices were filled by Alpha Taus. These were: President of the Press Association, R. H. Benjamin; secretary and treasurer, H. S. Sutton; on the *Hill News*, circulation manager, D. H. Moore; advertising manager, A. J. Cheritree; assistant managers, G. E. Fox and H. B. Leonard; associate editor, A. B. Oatman; assistant editors, R. P. Taylor and H. S. Sutton.

The fraternity's annual ball was held on April 17th. Owing to a recent faculty ruling the gymnasium was devoid of the usual elaborate decorations. It was, however, a very enjoyable event and was attended by about seventy-five couples.

The annual chapter letter has recently been published and circulated among the alumni.

The chapter has enjoyed visits from McConnell, of Simpson, and Richey, of Western Reserve. Among the recent alumni visitors to the chapter were A. O. Howard, '96; A. J. Laidlaw, '11; A. H. Van Brocklyn, '10; G. W. Dodds, '12, and A. C. Farlinger, '11.

H. L. SUTTON.

## CORNELL.

Beta Theta is about to end her scholastic year in good form. We have had a very successful year in that our men have stood well in their studies and have also been able to keep us well represented in the different branches of the university activities.

Kleinert, in wrestling, and Jandorf, in basketball, have been awarded their "C." In baseball we are represented by Keating, Austin and Jandorf, who have been retained on the varsity squad. In freshman baseball we are represented by Ward and Cleary, the last named being one of our pledge men. Stahl, another pledge man, is rowing on the first combination in freshman crew, while Thomas is playing on the varsity soccer team, and Byrne is out for the spring football practice.

In competitions we have Sanborne out for managership of track; Ford

and Smith, C. O., for like positions in football and the *Era*, respectively, while Thorne is entered in the competition for managership of the university orchestra.

Recent elections have placed Cragin on the artistic staff of the *Widow*, and White to membership in "Book and Bowl," an honorary society. In the military department McMurray has been appointed regimental adjutant, and McGowan first sergeant of his company.

Beta Theta has been making an especial effort to become well acquainted with the members of the faculty in the university this year, and to that end we have been entertaining a great many of the professors and their wives throughout the year. We recently gave our annual faculty smoker, which was a decided success. Some forty-five professors attended and seemed pleased with the program of the evening, which included several musical numbers and a play, acted by members of the fraternity.

We have enjoyed visits from several alumni and wish to extend a hearty invitation to all brothers who find an opportunity to visit us, to do so.

Kelleran, who has been working on our chapter history, reports that it will soon be ready for print.

HANSON G. FORD.

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#### MUHLENBERG.

Our affairs are moving along splendidly. The chapter roll has now reached thirty-four. On Thursday, April 2d, the chapter tendered a reception to the new men. H. Fry, '14, spoke on the relations of a Greek to the college world. Slean, '14, gave a short account of the history of the fraternity in general and of Alpha Iota in particular. Bernheim, '92, gave reminiscences of the "good old days," while Reese spoke on the signification of our pin, badge and coat-of-arms. Certainly, the usual "eats" were served.

This year, for the first time, Muhlenberg is putting a varsity nine on the diamond. As usual, the Taus have turned out in full force. It is still too early in the season to tell who will regularly occupy the various positions, but so far, Hayes, Berry, Witmer, Caskie, Sheets and pledge Blair are on the squad. The track team, too, is getting ready for the Penn relays and other meets. Here again, we are well represented by Slean, Miller, Parker and Berry. The last three are on the relay team.

At the recent meeting of the Dramatic Association, H. Fry, '14, was elected president and Gebert is one of the business managers. Later, at the "try-outs," Frederick, Hartzell, Schout and pledge Blair were selected by the faculty committee as members of the association. H. Fry won the inter-society oratorical contest and thus represented Muhlenberg at the intercollegiate oratorical contest.

During the past few months we received visits from C. Raker, R. Raker, Frederick, Rhue (Gamma Omega), Richards, Seegers, Wells (Alpha Rho), Sanders, McCollom, Bossard, Reese and Schlegel.

C. LUTHER FRY.

## WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

At the beginning of the last term of this year the chapter finds itself in good condition. The faculty's ruling that all freshmen shall room in the dormitories has left us with only a few men in the house. With the next year, however, we hope to be back in the game with better results. Authorities predict at least a class of 200 men this coming fall. Ward has accepted a position with the Standard Oil Company, in Pittsburgh, but intends to be back with us again in the fall.

The prospects in baseball this season are very good. Bobby Lowe, a veteran of the major leagues, who brought out a successful team some years back, has accepted the coaching job and a squad of fifty men came out the first day on the field. Inter-fraternity baseball creates big interest. A schedule of fifty games has been arranged. All the fraternities enter teams.

The track team is speedily rounding into shape. A. T. O. had two men on the relay team that competed in the Philadelphia relays in April. They were H. M. Springer, who is captain of the team, and P. Drew.

We lose four men by graduation this year, Black, McClellan, McDowell and Springer. McClellan has been elected as one of the speakers on class day. Black, McClellan, Ward, Kahle and Bane attended the reception and banquet given recently at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, in honor of our founder, Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook. Thomas was recently elected secretary of the Athletic Board and P. Drew the editor-in-chief of the 1916 *Pandora*.

In the past few weeks we have enjoyed visits from Hanson, Allshouse, Robison, Jolliff, MacKee, Crusan, Richey and Tanner.

T. E. McMILLAN.

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LEHIGH.

The close of the current semester will leave Alpha Rho with nearly all of her active membership to begin the following year. Goyne will leave us in June to assume the duties of married life and we shall lose Brinton by graduation. The scholastic personnel shows a marked improvement over that of the past few years, Raine, '15, having been elected to Tau Beta Pi.

In athletics we are represented by Raine, '15, in the high hurdles. Several other brothers are fighting for recognition in the various spring sports, but have not as yet gained permanent places. Blank, '15, is trying out for cheer leader.

Brinton, '14, and Ainey, '15, represented Alpha Rho at the conclave and installation of Gamma Omega at State College. The alumni banquet will be held at the New Merchants Hotel, South Bethlehem, on Friday evening, June 5th, and every effort is being made to make it a success.



We have enjoyed visits recently from Weymouth, Fox, Wenner, Richey, Little, Ford, Bennett, Hart, Barnwell, Witmer and Province Chief Truman.

GRANVILLE Y. CUSTER.

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### GETTYSBURG.

Despite the fact that Alpha Upsilon has been fighting against the hardships accompanying the loss of her chapter house, she has nevertheless been active in the different lines of college life. Hall, who recently entered school from Carnegie Tech, has been pledged.

J. E. Mahaffie, '16, was recently elected varsity basketball captain. Myers, Mahaffie, McCullough and Hall have all obtained positions on the varsity baseball team. G. E. Scheffer received a beautiful loving cup from the Pen and Sword Society of the college for winning the highest number of points in the inter-class track meet held on April 18th. O. K. Reed, '14, has been selected to play the leading role in the "Romancers," a comedy to be given during commencement week by the Dramatic Association.

The chapter will not give their annual commencement dance this year, but will make a special effort to make the banquet the best in the history of Alpha Tau Omega at Gettysburg. The prospects of a new house are very promising and it is hoped that work may be started by commencement.

We have enjoyed visits from D. F. Lafean, P. D. Hoover, W. H. Menges, F. M. Bortner, C. L. S. Raby, I. N. Hoover, C. W. Baker, M. T. Brown, P. F. Bloomhardt, N. G. Philippy, J. C. Hartman and R. D. Miller.

J. CLYDE CASSIDY.

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### PENN STATE.

After three months of existence, Gamma Omega is getting into regular working order. The high scholastic standing of the chapter has been maintained. Since the inter-fraternity council has offered a silver cup to that fraternity having the highest scholastic standing at the end of the collegiate year, we are determined to make great effort to bring this honor to Alpha Tau Omega.

Lamb, '15, has been elected captain of next year's wrestling team. During the last season out of five meets participated in, he won all of his bouts by falls with the exception of one in which he secured a draw with Davis, of Indiana University. Lewis, '17, qualified for the two-mile relay team that was entered in the Pennsylvania relays on April 25th. Miller, '15, played the leading female role in the Thespian Dramatic production, Dawson, '15, being in the chorus of the same production, with Powell, '16, leading the orchestra. McConeghy, '15, was appointed a member of the junior prom committee for this commencement. In



other athletics we have Easby, '16, playing varsity soccer and Fair, '17, manager of the freshman lacrosse team.

The following brothers have visited us in the last few months: Gaffney, Gamma Omega; Rankin, Gamma Omega; Wilson, Alpha Nu.

G. A. MCWREATH.

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### PENNSYLVANIA.

The close of this year's college term brings to Penn Tau the highest collegiate honors. Louis Alonzo Young, who captained the 1913-14 football team, climaxed his brilliant career in Pennsylvania when he was elected first honor man of the senior class by a large majority. This honor is symbolical of the widest popularity in college.

Our annual banquet, held at the Hotel Adelphia on March 28th, and attended by some sixty-seven brothers, was the most successful ever held. An unusual number of alumni were present and plans were discussed for the erection of a new house. We were honored by the presence of three of the grand officers and the Province Chief.

Kopcke was a member of the wrestling team. Cook, Williams and Replogle are out for tennis. Sewell is in the dancing chorus of the Mask and Wig Club, and is the best pole vaulter on the track squad.

During the last few months we have enjoyed visits from Snyder, J. P. Williams, Roberts, Corey, Rynick, Gawthrop, Fleming, Frey, S. B. Lafean, L. K. Lafean, Barnwell and Hooper.

JOS. P. REPLOGLE.

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### PROVINCE VI

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#### NORTH CAROLINA.

Alpha Delta has been very fortunate within the past week in having had a visit from our Province Chief, Beverly D. Tucker. His visit to our chapter was a most important one in that it helped to impress upon each member our relation to the national fraternity.

William Huske has been elected as an assistant leader for the junior prom. All the brothers are, of course, looking forward to the spring dances as a most enjoyable occasion. Close upon the dances will follow the final exams; and Alpha Delta is expecting each brother to exert himself to the uttermost in order that the chapter might continue to enjoy its enviable scholastic standing.

HOKE B. BLACK.

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#### TRINITY.

This year North Carolina Xi had rooms in the Duke Building in the city, but the disastrous fire which swept Durham some three weeks ago,

completely destroyed all paraphernalia, furniture and records of the fraternity. Although receiving a total loss, we were partially covered by insurance in the Southern Fire Stock Insurance Company. The claim was promptly settled and we take this opportunity of showing our appreciation for such prompt settlement.

Our college activities are as usual up to the old standard. Thorne, Carver and Durham are on the varsity ball team. Alpha Tau is also represented on the various class teams of the college. Matton, Brown and Ruff are on the track team. Matton is the chief star of the team, having already broken several local records. Brown had the misfortune to sprain his ankle in the class meet, and is afraid he will not be able to do any more work this year.

Last week the chapter was pleased to hear from Hutchison, who has been with the American Tobacco Company for the past three years. He is now located in Shanghai, China.

We will lose three men this year: McKinnon, who will finish his law course, and Nelson and Sherrod, who will receive their A. B. degrees. Returning eleven old men as a nucleus to work on we hope to lay some definite plans in regard to a house.

HENRY L. SHERROD.

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#### CHARLESTON.

On April 15th Beta Xi gave her annual Easter german, one of the most attractive and successful social events of the season. The hall was tastefully and artistically decorated with greens and palms, and the sky blue and old gold color scheme was carried out in every detail of the decorations. Alpha Tau Omega pennants and banners were hung all about the hall, and the maltese cross and the crescent and stars were represented in gold and blue on the walls. Alumni from all throughout the state were present, accompanied by their favorite ladies, and, after the toast to Alpha Tau Omega, "Ruh! Rah! Rega!" was given with a vim by over fifty brothers.

Since our last report we have had the pleasure of entertaining Province Chief Tucker on his official chapter visit. After a brief, though thorough, examination of the chapter's books, he set out on his return to Virginia Delta, his inability to extend his visit being much regretted by the entire chapter.

White, baseball manager, is now busy with his schedule contracts and finds his entire time taken up between these duties and those of president of sophomore class. On the baseball team are Jennings, catcher; Kirkland, first base; Lebby, shortstop, and Pinckney, third base.

At a recent meeting of the Athletic Association, "C's" were awarded to the following: Blocks (football) to Pinckney, White, Kirkland, Moore, Stoney and Lebby; "C. B. B.'s" (basketball) to Pinckney (Capt.) and Rivers; and "Arrow" (track) to Rivers. At a meeting of the student body Lebby was elected chairman of the 1915 college ball.

Beta Xi still keeps up her intercourse with her alumni by means of "alumni nights" each month. On April 11th there were fifteen present, and so active has grown their spirit that there has arisen a project of having an "alumni smoker" in the near future for the purpose of drawing them into closer touch with the active chapter as well as with each other.

THOS. D. LEBBY, JR.

#### WASHINGTON AND LEE.

With the signing of a contract insuring Virginia Beta a new chapter house next year, the new collegiate year will find the chapter joyous and satisfied. In competition with four other bidders, offering propositions from four strong national fraternities, Virginia Beta was given the call. The new chapter house is nearing completion on the campus and meets every requirement of convenience, beauty and capacity.

With a gladsome whoop, the present abode will be rendered over to the owner after three years of occupancy. The prospective fraternity house is valued at \$13,000, and the members feel themselves peculiarly fortunate in having the good fortune to secure it.

The sensation of the collegiate year in athletics is being furnished by Harry K. Young, fondly dubbed "Cy" by the followers of the Generals. Young led the varsity gridiron aggregation in scoring at halfback. In basketball, the speed merchant continued his career at right guard. The baseball season, just closed, was a highly successful one, and "Cy," in center field, led the varsity in hitting with .362 and in run scoring. To add zest to his record, Young has landed a position on the track team and has established a new record—that of playing on the four major teams in one year.

The track season is on the wane, but has not been without events. H. M. Hayne, captain of the track team, aided in engineering the greatest interscholastic meet in this division on April 24th. Besides Young and Hayne, J. L. Dean, F. B. Hayne, J. B. Wadsworth, J. B. Gladney and B. F. Woodruff have entered competition for the team.

With the approaching student body and class elections, the most likely candidates are being groomed for the race. This year, class officers in the senior, junior, sophomore and freshman classes accrued to the chapter, as did one of the student body offices. Indications point to a continuance of the record.

With the exception of H. M. Hayne, J. D. Flowers, J. J. Halbert and W. C. Brown, who will be awarded degrees in June, the others are expected to return next year for further collegiate work.

REUBEN A. LEWIS.



## VIRGINIA.

We are striving hard to raise the scholastic standing of our chapter. The average this year is 81.2, only about three points below the highest average among the fraternities. Our standard has been steadily rising in the last three years and we hope for nothing short of leadership next year. It might be well to state that the average standing of all fraternity men at Virginia is 78, while that of the non-fraternity men is 79.5. The non-fraternity men's lead has been gradually cut down in late years, and we look for a time not far distant when that powerful argument against fraternities, as far as we are concerned, will be shattered.

We are looking forward to success in the fraternity baseball games, which started on the 1st of May. Last year we were runners up for the championship cup, and were only eliminated in the tenth inning of the final game by a 4 to 3 score. This year with prospects of an even better team we fully expect that coveted trophy to grace our house.

During Easter week we had the pleasure of a visit from Robinson, of Richmond.

A. JAQUELIN TODD.

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PROVINCE VII

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MOUNT UNION.

As the school year draws to a close, Alpha Nu finds herself in a very prosperous condition, having undergone one of the best years in her history. Starting in the year with a comparatively small chapter, all the fellows seemed imbued with the spirit of A. T. O. and this has brought its results.

We will lose by graduation this year Wykoff, O. W. Beard, Todd, James and Norris, and several others will not return to school next year. These men will be greatly missed by the chapter, but we are confident that in the fellows who will return we have the nucleus for another prosperous year.

The annual banquet of Alpha Nu was held on March 27th and was one of the largest and most successful affairs of the kind ever given by the chapter. About sixty were present, including the members of the chapter and their ladies and also a number of the alumni. Attorney W. S. Earsman, '88, acted as toastmaster in a most acceptable manner, and several of the active men and alumni responded to toasts. Province Chief Thompson was to have been with us, but conditions made it impossible for him to be present.

As usual we are up to the standard in college activities. We are represented in debating by James and Fletcher, both of whom have made enviable records for themselves. We are well represented in baseball. Norris is tennis manager, and Bradshaw is a member of the junior prom committee. Beard is business manager of the *Unonian*, while Stout is assistant manager, and Wykoff and Unger are also members of the staff

J. O. WOODS.



## WITTENBERG.

Having closed a very successful basketball season, under the leadership of Captain Wearley, Wittenberg has turned her attention to baseball. We are represented on the team by Wearley, Little, Dunmire and W. Allen. Spring football practice has been started and Alpha Psi is making a good showing with Moler, Dunmire, Betchtel, Little, Hanson and Netts as our gridiron representatives.

On account of a faculty ruling, putting restrictions on social events during Lent, the social circles were in a rather morbid condition, but this being over every one is being carried along in the flux of the social tide. We entertained with a dance on February 20th. It was a very pleasant occasion, attended by about thirty couples. We again entertained with a dance on Friday evening, April 24th. It was marked as one of the most successful and enjoyable dances given in years. It was entirely in the hands of the freshmen, who took great pains in entertaining the forty-five couples and alumni who were present. Several smokers and get-together parties have been enjoyed by the chapter and local alumni.

On February 27th and 28th Beams, Crouse and Cory attended the province conclave at Columbus. Many Alpha Psi alumni were present and all praised Beta Omega for the delightful and profitable entertainment afforded them.

Visits have been made by the following alumni: Courtland Miller, of Ann Arbor, Michigan; George Waite, Downing Beach, Golden Davis and Howard Dunkle.

J. V. CORY.

## OHIO WESLEYAN.

As the second semester draws toward its close, Beta Eta finds herself with eighteen men in the active chapter and one pledge who will be initiated by the time this letter has been published. We lose three men by graduation this year who have been unceasing in their devotion to Alpha Tau Omega. They are Parks, McRae and Carpenter. Parks and McRae have represented us in musical and athletic circles from their freshman year. It is with no small degree of regret that we see these three brothers leave us to enter upon what we expect to be the high road to success in the business world.

In athletics we are as usual well represented. Baker is catching on the varsity baseball team, while Potts is playing at center field and McRae at left field. Fuller is running the 440, Wiggins the 100 and 220, and both the relay. Penn, another short-distance man, is not running any at present because of heart trouble. McRae, Baker and Kapp are handling the weights.

In politics during the last semester we have again secured our quota of college offices for next year. Penn has been elected football manager; Potts, basketball manager; Vogler, editor-in-chief of the *Bijou*; Knodle,

yell master; Kapp, vice president of the Civics Club; Platt, manager of the senior lecture course, and Penn, a member of the Civics Club. Parks, Potts, Fuller and Wiggins are members of the "Owl and Skull," and Parks and Potts are also members of the "Jesters," an organization which publishes the *Bauble*, a magazine of college wit.

The biggest event of last semester was our annual initiation and banquet which took place on the night of February 20th. The initiation was held in a large hall down town, after which every one immediately repaired to the chapter house where a six-course banquet was served. Covers were laid for sixty and the event proved a big success. Four lively toasts were responded to, the Rev. S. K. Mahon, '99, acting as symposiarch.

This semester we will publish the second number of the *Ohio Beta Eta Review*. The first issue of this magazine brought us in closer touch with a number of our alumni and we are expecting this issue to form a link in the chain which will eventually bind active chapter and alumni into one strong and compact unit.

The chapter was honored this last semester by a visit from Irving Bacheller, of Riverside, Connecticut. Other visitors this semester were Naylor, Murry, Parks, Shira, Bulger, Little, Daniels, Atchison, English, Fleming, Potts, Cleland, Boone, Gillespie, Brown, Hyer, Russell, Peet, Lingo, Alden, Shumaker, A. N. Petty, Sunderland, Becker and Stolzenbach.

L. H. CARPENTER.

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### WOOSTER.

Wooster is at present experiencing a revival of that so-called "Wooster spirit," which has been somewhat dormant during the entire year. Three victories in debate started it, and since then, more real college spirit has been demonstrated than we thought was in the student body. While the outlook is not hopeful for the Greeks, we have decided to join the crowd, and put away our hammers.

Finley is captain of the baseball team, and has a big squad out working for places. Roderick is sure of a place, as well as Forrest and Hostetler, two of our pledges. Color Day, our one big holiday of the year, was held May 15th. Nearly all of our men had prominent places on the program.

Wilson, Axtell and Miller were in Pittsburgh, during the spring vacation, with the Glee Club, and took dinner with the Chi Sigma Upsilon Fraternity of Carnegie Tech, which is petitioning Alpha Tau for a charter. They were also present at the weekly A. T. O. alumni luncheon at the Fort Pitt.

ROY W. MILLER.

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### WESTERN RESERVE.

Ohio Gamma Kappa will lose but three men by graduation this June, G. E. McNab, Jr., Paul J. Ockert and R. C. Manning, leaving an active

chapter of twenty-five men with which to start the new year in the fall. Of these, twenty are under classmen.

The university musical clubs gave a week's concert tour of the Middle West early in April and the brothers who made the trip were W. T. Smith, Lex.: K. L. Griffith, '16; M. B. Sunderland, '16; C. G. Carlson, '17, and H. A. Young, '17. H. M. Walters, leader and director of the clubs, and J. W. McCaslin, assistant manager, were unable to be with the clubs.

Schuele, '16; Baird, '16, and Wolfe, '16, are members of the varsity baseball squad, while Baird is one of the best milers in the university and represents the chapter on the track team. M. B. Sunderland and C. T. McConnell are members of the student council as presidents of the sophomore and freshman classes, respectively. A. W. Parrish, F. T. Hayes, H. G. Smith, W. T. Smith and K. L. Griffith are playing parts in the Dramatic Club show, "The Man from Home," presented at the Duchess Theatre April 23d. A. W. Parrish, '15, is business manager of the Reserve annual, which was issued May 1st and is regarded as the best of its kind in years. March 14th the chapter was entertained at a smoker by the chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Case School of Applied Science. The chapter team defeated the Phi Deltis in the annual football game between the two fraternities last fall. This was the reward. March 21st the basketball team representing the active chapter defeated the fraternity alumni of Cleveland and vicinity in the annual basketball game between the two teams, 41 to 35. The alumni team included Gibson and Siegrist, of Mt. Union; Potts, of Wesleyan; Blaser, of Wooster, and McIntosh, of Reserve.

The annual smoker given by the active chapter for the fraternity alumni in Cleveland was held Saturday evening, March 28th, and about sixty were in attendance. A Cleveland A. T. O. directory is being prepared for the use of the alumni.

M. B. SUNDERLAND.

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## PROVINCE VIII

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### SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN.

The March examinations closed a very successful term for Alpha Tau, and the opening spring finds our chapter in a very good condition. We regret very much to lose O. W. Buschgen by graduation this year. He has been an active member of this chapter since 1906, with the exception of two years while he was abroad.

We still retain our share of college honors. Venable was recently elected basketball manager for 1914-15, succeeding Wardlaw. Buschgen and Bosch represent us on the Glee Club. Wardlaw and Venable captured their "S" in basketball last season. Wardlaw was chosen an orator for the senior class.



We are looking forward to our alumni meeting at the close of school. H. H. Thompson, '08, of French Camp, Mississippi, will deliver the alumni address at commencement and Caldwell, of Nashville, Tennessee, will deliver the annual address to the Y. M. C. A. A. BOSCH.

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#### VANDERBILT.

The school year is drawing to a close, and our interest is naturally centered on the final examinations and on the honors won by our men for next year. The scholarship cup, offered by the university, seems to be almost in our hands. If we can finish the year with our record as good as it now is, we feel sure that the cup is ours. We also have a good fighting chance to win the cup in the fraternity baseball league.

*The Commodore*, our annual, edited by C. C. Sims, is now on sale and is generally considered to be the best published in recent years.

Logue Parks represented Vanderbilt in debate against Kentucky State University last month and acquitted himself well.

Morrison is playing right field on the varsity nine and leading the team in batting. Young is first infield substitute. Carman is doing good work with the weights on the track team and will probably win his "V" at the S. I. A. A. meet.

W. S. Young has been elected president of the Y. M. C. A. for next year and Robison and Gill have been elected to the Owl Club, our junior society.

We shall return about twenty men next year, and we already have a line on a dozen or more good men who are coming from neighboring preparatory schools. With such prospects we are confident that we can maintain our high standing in the university without trouble, and also show the visiting brothers at the Congress a chapter of A. T. O. which is worthy the name. JAS. D. RIVES.

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#### UNION.

The year's work is nearing completion with Beta Tau in an excellent condition. J. E. Ferguson dropped out of school on the 1st of April and is connected with a business project of his father's at Ripley, Tennessee. The other brothers expect to return with the exception of one senior, D. T. Henderson.

H. B. Lusk and W. R. Puryear have regular positions on the baseball team. Several brothers are playing class baseball. The chapter will be well represented in the various commencement events.

The brothers are planning a summer camp where they will discuss plans for next year's rushing. We already have our eyes on more prospects than we have had in the past. D. T. HENDERSON



## SEWANEE.

Tennessee Omega continues to hold her own in all departments of activities in the university. In the last final examination period, A. T. O. led all the fraternities in scholarship, having the high average of 82.4 per cent., being three points above her nearest rival. The Morris brothers again had the distinction of holding first and second place in the honor roll.

Easter week ushered in many social events to Sewanee. On Monday afternoon our chapter gave its annual reception to the visitors and residents of the Mountain, and we received over 250 guests. Much of the success of the reception is due to Miss Dora Colmore and Mrs. W. H. Dubose, who assisted us with the refreshments.

On the varsity baseball team, Fuqua is holding down second base. Reynolds was chosen to represent Sewanee in the Tennessee oratorical contest. He won second place in the contest.

On the evening of March 17th, the chapter initiated the Rev. H. L. Jewett Williams, of Georgia, professor of New Testament in the theological department of the university. Mr. Williams is a graduate of the University of Georgia and of Oxford, being a Rhodes scholar from Georgia.

GEORGE OSSMAN.

## TENNESSEE.

At this writing the whole university is busily engaged in the activities that belong distinctly to spring and that arouse every student on the Hill. Some of the more important of the events are the university's two track meets, the tennis tournament, the interscholastic track meet and oratorical contest, which is held by the University of Tennessee every spring for preparatory schools in this and nearby states, and the circus and coronation ball, which are held in connection with the interscholastic events. Besides these special events, the regular baseball season is in full swing, and the officers of various organizations are beginning to be elected for next year.

In all this activity, Tennessee Pi is not sleeping the sleep of the unjust. In fact, some of the most important posts have been entrusted to members of this chapter. These honors are evenly distributed among our men as regards class. Among our seniors, Hubert Denison, Guy Powers and Walter Whitaker are the most prominent. Denison made the university debating team and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the honorary fraternity. Walter Whitaker is a captain in the battalion and one of the assistant managers of the circus. Guy Powers, also, is one of the assistants and president of the Chi Delta Literary Society. Those in the junior class who are taking a prominent part are Klein, Kelly, Bryant, Burdett and A. P. Whitaker. Klein, besides captaining the basketball team for the last two years, is now a member of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet and of Alpha Zeta, the

agricultural honor fraternity, and is local business manager of the *U. T. Farmer*, the agricultural students' monthly. Bryant is secretary and treasurer of the tennis club, treasurer of the junior class, and assistant business manager of the *Volunteer*, the university annual. Burdett is a first lieutenant in the battalion. A. P. Whitaker is editor of the *Orange and White*, the university weekly, and a member of the debating council and of Phi Kappa Phi. Kelly is first lieutenant and quartermaster, a member of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet, an assistant manager of the circus, captain of the track team, and captain-elect of the 1914 football team. A freshman, Mark Stephens, is the only one of this chapter who is the proud possessor of a first team suit in baseball.

From the foregoing enumeration, it appears that Tennessee Pi is in the very forefront in university activities. As for the social side of college life, it may be said right here that this has been the most delightful year socially that the fraternity has enjoyed in a long time. On our own account, we have given several dances and a banquet, and, besides these, have taken an active, pleasant part in numerous other affairs.

Looking to the future, we are unable to say just how many of the brothers will return next fall. Judging, however, from the fact that we have only four seniors in a chapter roll of twenty, we should be able to start next year with a large and vigorous body of brothers.

Our annual chapter letter is soon to be sent out, and we hope that a house fund will have been put well on its way by the time this letter appears.

ARTHUR P. WHITAKER.

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## PROVINCE IX

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### CALIFORNIA.

As the college year draws to a close, California Gamma Iota finds herself facing what appears to be the most successful period of her career to date. The chapter is on a firm financial basis, notwithstanding the fact that we are under the expense of building a new chapter house. This house is well on its way to completion now, and promises to be ready for occupancy by the end of July, which means that by the opening of college next fall, we will have one of the finest houses on the campus. In addition to this, every effort is being made to improve our scholarship standing. The "twelve unit" rule is being agitated, and this chapter has expressed itself to the university authorities as being heartily in favor of such an action.

On Saturday evening, April 18th, Gamma Iota and Beta Psi met jointly in the annual banquet, at the Palace Hotel, in San Francisco. Berlin, of Virginia Beta, acting as toastmaster, gave some interesting reminiscences in his talk on "Fifty Years in Alpha Tau."

We have received visits from Ware, Georgeson, Vosskeuhler, Hutchinson, Boyles, Frankland, Stoner, H. A. Sawyer, Heger, Barnett, Anderson and Graham.

WILLIAM S. RAINEY.

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#### STANFORD.

The second semester has come to a successful close for Beta Psi. The Alpha Tau standards have been faithfully maintained. We have been very successful in all of our college activities. In athletics three of our men, Otto Lachmond, Harry Lachmond and Oliver Field, made the track team. O. Lachmond won his block "S" and numerals for the second time this year, while Field and H. Lachmond made their numerals for the first time. Spring training for football has called out a number of the fellows. Evans, Siefert, O. Lachmond and Meyer have been getting themselves in shape for next fall. We expect big things from these four men. Lachmond was on the varsity last fall and the other three come to us with fine recommendations.

Quite a little interest has been taken in dramatics this year. Steve and Val Dunlap, Kilgarif, Shaw and Evans acquitted themselves well in the junior opera. George Whiting and Otto Lachmond had important parts in the freshman vaudeville show. Warren Hastings was recently appointed on the senior week committee.

We gave two dances this spring. Our formal which was given in January was one of the finest given this season. On April 19th Beta Psi and Gamma Iota held their joint banquet in the Palace Hotel, San Francisco. The banquet was a great success, our only regret being that some of our alumni were unable to attend. They certainly missed a good time.

The prospects for next year are very bright. Of the eighteen active members of the chapter, only two are graduating. Warren Hastings graduates in electrical engineering and Hal Harding in economics. Hastings expects to return next year for advanced work, while Harding intends going to Massachusetts Tech to continue his studies. In all probability fifteen or sixteen of the old men will be back next fall.

BEN. C. WILLIAMS.

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#### OREGON.

The second quarter finds Gamma Phi with an active membership of twenty-six—twenty-five in the house—tied for second in scholarship among the ten men's organizations at Oregon, and unsurpassed in representation in student activities. With four men on the varsity baseball team, seven on the college glee club, eight out for varsity track, four on the college tri-weekly paper, three as prominent members of the college dramatic club, and the student body president, we feel a satisfaction in the fact that Alpha Tau is a top-notcher at Oregon, and hope for better things next year.



Among our new initiates, Nelson, a 200-pounder, is proving a wonderful first baseman on the varsity team, and Telford is holder of the American interscholastic javelin record. An informal feed after initiation and a round of heart-to-heart talks served to emphasize individual benefits the men are coming to realize from Alpha Tau fellowship.

Besides Nelson, we have Vernon Motschenbacher, '14, catcher; Fred Anunsen, '14, third baseman, and John Welch, '15, pitcher, as the members of the fastest baseball infield that Oregon has ever developed. With a full team of experienced players in the house, we also hope to capture the trophy offered for the winning team in the inter-fraternity series.

In track, Walter McClure, '13, a member of the 1913 Olympic team, is now assistant coach, and eligible to compete in contests outside the Northwest Conference, as he is enrolled as post-graduate this year. James Pack, '15; John Telford, '17, and Sherman Pobst, '17, will all be strong bidders for letters in the distance, javelin and sprint events, respectively, in the coming intercollegiate contests.

As worthy of special mention in the field of journalism, Gamma Phi has Earl Blackaby, '15, managing editor of the tri-weekly, *Emerald*, and Fred Dunbar, '16, city editor of the same. Blackaby is almost sure to be editor-in-chief for next year, having been a member of the staff for three years. He was recently elected to Friars, the upper class society. The membership of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic fraternity, now includes one senior and three juniors from Gamma Phi.

Ralph Ash, '17, has distinguished himself as an amateur actor of especial talent, and has taken leading roles in five plays produced on the campus during this college year. Cleve Simkips, '16, and Carl Naylor, '17, have also appeared in prominent parts in college dramatic productions.

The newly organized fraternity council at Oregon has effected a binding organization, and has already brought a better understanding among fraternities and a hearty co-operation in united endeavor for "Oregon first." The personnel of the council consists of two representatives from each fraternity, with Hugo Bezdek, football, basketball and baseball coach, as president. All pledging between April 1st and the close of school is taboo, and such penalties for violations of all rules passed by the council have been imposed that practically assure the continued co-operation of the bunches in this new departure. Gamma Phi members keep in close touch with the activities of Alpha Tau in all the colleges through the PALM; and with the advancement and successes of Greek-letter organizations throughout the country, through *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

Because of the uncertainty of legislative action in Oregon regarding fraternities at state institutions, and the insecurity of the university's resources at present, we have postponed the building of our new house, for which we have full plans, specifications and bids; but have nevertheless put into operation a note system for future use in this line, when conditions permit such a move.



Lately we have enjoyed visits from Chester Huggins, ex-'14; Vachon, Washington Gamma Pi; Schroeder, Washington Gamma Pi; Collins, superintendent of schools in Eugene, and Rader, from the Gamma Chi chapter at Washington State College, who is now agricultural expert for Lane County. The counsel and advice of Collins and Straub, dean of men at the university, throughout the year, have been helpful and greatly appreciated.

Gamma Phi will lose only five men this year—four by graduation. While we will feel their absence and miss their guiding counsel, freshmen who are making enviable records in high school will replace them and help maintain the record Alpha Tau is establishing at Oregon.

CLARENCE E. BROTHERTON.

#### WASHINGTON STATE.

On February 15th Gamma Chi initiated seven freshmen. This addition of new men gives us a chapter roll of twenty-two initiate members besides six pledges. Among the brothers who joined in the ceremonies at initiation time was one "old timer," A. H. Oversmith, of Michigan Beta Omicron, Albion College, who was an active member in the '90's. R. V. Baker, an old member of the local, Washington Sigma, was initiated into Alpha Tau on the evening of April 8th.

At the close of the basketball season, F. V. Anderson was elected captain of next year's team. His consistent playing easily won for him the coveted title. L. V. Cooke is captain of this year's track team, while Schlaefter, McCroskey and Ludin will easily make places on the team in the distances, hurdles and weights, respectively. Inter-fraternity baseball is engrossing our attention at present. So far we have made an excellent showing and have high hopes of winning the championship.

Hollister was recently sent to Lincoln, Nebraska, as representative of the local chapter, Eta, at the national convention of Sigma Tau, national engineering fraternity. F. H. McCormick, Hollister and Cooke were honor students last semester. M. V. Fortier has achieved distinction in military pursuits and has been appointed lieutenant colonel of the college cadet corps.

Tweed, after having spent a semester at Cornell, and Armstrong, who has been working in California, are with us again for the remainder of the year. We have been visited by F. R. Smith, A. T. Peterson, J. G. Rake, H. A. Betaque, J. J. Whetsel, C. J. Cooil and M. S. Foster, all of Gamma Chi, and by Kinney, of Gamma Upsilon, Ames College.

On February 21st and April 3d we entertained informally at dancing in the chapter house. On May 9th we gave our annual formal dance.

Kincaid, '08, has recently accepted a position as professor of Economic Science and History at the State College.

MARK G. BRISLAWN.

## WASHINGTON.

The brothers held their annual house party at the Hotel Hesperedes on Puget Sound last month. A formal dinner was held at 6 o'clock with dancing afterward. The following day was spent at tennis, canoeing, etc. On the following evening an informal dance was held and the next day the return trip was made. This was one of the best entertainments ever given by the brothers and every one had a fine time.

We are well represented in track this year. Harold Gray won first place in the 440, with Roy Fox a close second. Gray and Fox will in all probability go to the California meet in June.

Walter Caughlin is playing on the varsity baseball team and has already shown himself to be a valuable man to the team.

Jimmy Frankland stroked the winning varsity crew at California last April, and expects to hold the same position in the regatta at Poughkeepsie June 26th.

Charles Smith, who was quarterback on last year's football team, and Clarence Morrison are out for spring football practice. Morrison is trying out for the punting position, while Charles is back on the old job.

There are eight Gamma Pi men who expect to see service in the Mexican War. They are members of the Washington Guard and are enlisted as follows: Lieutenant Zech, Lieutenant Frankland, Sergeant Major Mingins, Corporal Gray, Private Pershall, Sergeant Hall, Musician Willis and Musician MacDougall.

BRYANT MACDOUGALL.

## In Memoriam

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WILLIAM B. B. GRAY.

(Tennessee Beta Pi.)

Born 1890; Died April 15, 1914.

*Requiescat in pace.*

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THOMAS MONCURE PERKINS.

(Virginia Alpha.)

Initiated 1879; Died March 25, 1914.

*Requiescat in pace.*

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EDWIN C. McRADY.

(Virginia Epsilon.)

Initiated 1875; Died 1912.

*Requiescat in pace.*

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CHARLES PINCKNEY JONES.

(Virginia Gamma.)

Born 1845; Died February 22, 1914.

*Requiescat in pace.*

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ERNEST H. JOHNSON.

(Nebraska Gamma Theta.)

Born 1883; Died April 4, 1914.

*Requiescat in pace.*

## WILLIAM BENNETT BATTLE GRAY.

On the morning of April 15, 1914, William Bennett Battle Gray died at the St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, of double pneumonia after an illness of nine days.

He was born ten miles east of Brownsville, Tennessee, where he spent the first fifteen years of his life, later moving to Brownsville, which was his home at the time of his death.

He received his preliminary education at Branham and Hughes School and at Southwestern Presbyterian University, and at the latter school was initiated in 1910 into Alpha Tau chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. In September of 1911, Gray entered the medical school of Vanderbilt University, and in October of the same year was initiated into Chi chapter of Alpha Kappa Kappa; and also during his stay at Vanderbilt he was affiliated with Beta Pi chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. While he attended Vanderbilt only one session, his record here was an enviable one, and not a man in his class had more friends than he. The following year he entered the Memphis Hospital Medical College (now consolidated with the University of Tennessee) and was a member of the class of 1915 of that school at the time of his death.

## CHARLES P. JONES.

The following appreciation of Hon. Charles Pinckney Jones appeared in the *Charlottesville Progress*, February 23d:

"News of the death of Charles Pinckney Jones reached here yesterday morning, a few hours after its occurrence. It was very sad intelligence for those who knew the sterling man who had gone to his reward—the reward which is resolved, we devoutly believe, for those who serve their generation unselfishly, and who love their fellow men. Of this high and fine type was he who died at Monterey.

"Mr. Jones was a native of Pendleton, now West Virginia, where he was born in 1845. The most of his life, however, was spent in Highland County. He was graduated from the department of law of the University of Virginia, which he attended the session of 1867-68, having for his classmates such men as Shepard Barclay, of St. Louis; Joseph Bryan, of Richmond; Charles James Faulkner, of Martinsburg, W. Va.; Alexandria P. Humphrey, of Louisville, Ky.; Henry M. Magruder, of Albemarle; Virginius Newton, of Norfolk, and George Perkins and Micajah Woods, of Charlottesville. In the practice of his profession, which he pursued at Monterey, his home, success came to him in various forms. He accumulated a handsome estate. He was the leader of his community, and more. He had a happy home in which he reared eight children, fitting them for useful lives. The eldest bears his name, and follows his profession.

"Mr. Jones was a man, the full measure of whose usefulness cannot be realized until he was passed away. He was everybody's friend, not in the



political sense of being all things to all men that thrift may follow that sort of fawning, but in the nobler way of helpfulness and of burden-bearing. Those in trouble went to him for advice and help and found him invariably wise and generous. For many a dependent person the candlestick has been removed from its place.

"It was the natural thing to select Mr. Jones for leadership wherever the qualities that must go with that type of man are demanded in the public service. He was sent to the Senate of Virginia, from the district composed of Highland and Augusta Counties and the city of Staunton, and that constituency, which has commanded the services of such men as Absalom Koiner in the past and Edward Echols in the present, was never more ably or more conscientiously represented.

"In 1898 Mr. Jones was made a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia, and continued in the high office eight years. With the board which came into existence that year began the effective agitation for a change of government of that institution. It was a time of nervous apprehension and even of solemn protest. The thing that Jefferson had done many thought ought to stand for all time. It was very fortunate that the university commanded the services just then of such men as Jones, Harmon, Bryan, Walton, Moore, and other high men. Under their leadership the legislature decreed the change from chairmanship government to the rule of a president. The situation was managed with supreme skill, and the friends of the university will never know how much they owe to Jones, Harmon, and other men of like spirit who guided and controlled with perfect wisdom. Of these spirits three have passed over to the great majority.

"The writer of this mild but very sincere tribute remembers the dignity, which went with his strength of purpose, which Rector Jones displayed at the inauguration of President Alderman. It was Mr. Jones' duty, speaking for himself and the Board of Visitors, to declare that great educational leader president of the university, and to deliver to him its charter, and pledge to him the support of the visitors. The few sentences he used were the best that could have been chosen for the occasion, and the following, chosen from them, pictured perfectly the situation as the clear sighted saw it then:

" 'To the alumni and friends of the institution who know the mode in which the government has been administered in the past through a chairman of the faculty, the change possesses much significance. After following the plan of Mr. Jefferson for three-quarters of a century, we have come to depart from that feature of our educational government inaugurated by him, and to fall in line with our sister universities in this respect, so that in the future we will have a single head devoted to the service of education, and with more time to give to special interests than could possibly have been given by the chairman of the faculty. And while we are carrying into effect this change, we are doing so with the hope that

the office will be so administered as to depart as little as may be from the constitution of Mr. Jefferson, and with the confident assurance that it will be so administered as to change in no respect the unwritten law of honesty and truthfulness, which are leading, and it may be said, fundamental features of our government. And may we not believe that the change now made would have been sanctioned by Mr. Jefferson under conditions as they now exist.'

"Bryan, Harmon and Jones were the first of that board to die, but each lived to see the work of his hands established by Doctor Alderman.

"Dr. James M. Page, dean of the university, sent the following telegram to the family today:

" 'The president, faculty and alumni of the University of Virginia sympathize profoundly with his family and other friends in their sorrow caused by the death of Hon. Charles Pinckney Jones. The university mourns the loss of her former able and distinguished rector, and will always remember with grateful affection the son whose loyalty and devotion were supreme.' "

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#### ERNEST H. JOHNSON.

Lieutenant Ernest Helmer Johnson, Philippine Constabulary, died at the Military Hospital at Zamboanga on April 4, 1914, at 2.10 P. M., after an illness of 110 days, during the most of which time he was fighting hard for life.

On December 15, 1913, he was speared in the chest while encountering a band of outlaws on the Island of Basilan. While his wounds were severe, they healed within a few weeks, but numerous complications of a severe nature arose, dependent upon former operative procedures of nearly a year ago, and on many occasions during his long illness he appeared to be near death's door. He bore his afflictions with unusual fortitude, like the good soldier he always proved himself to be. He has had nearly three years' service in Mindanao and has on several occasions distinguished himself by bravery in conflicts with outlaw bands.

He was a member of the Mindanao and Country Clubs and has a large circle of warm friends in Zamboanga and throughout Mindanao and Sulu who learned to love him for his personal qualities.

The remains were interred with military honors and the procession to the Tetuan cemetery on Sunday afternoon was one of the largest ever held in Zamboanga.

The Episcopal service was read by Reverend Mr. McCutchen. The honorary pall bearers were fellow officers of the deceased.

The Fourteenth Moro Company and the Municipal Police formed the guard of honor, and the former fired the burial salute. The military band led the procession, and rendered "Nearer my God to Thee" as the final rites were performed.

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Ernest Helmer Johnson was born June 27, 1883, at Oakland, Nebraska. He graduated from Omaha High School in 1903 and was first lieutenant in the cadet corps. He graduated from Nebraska State University in 1909 with the degree of B. A. He was president of the Nebraska University Glee Club in his junior year and was grand master of his fraternity, the Alpha Tau Omega, in his senior year. He accepted a commission in the Constabulary on November 29, 1910, and arrived in the Philippine Islands December 24, 1910. He was commended for work in Lanao against the outlaw Ampunagas and for conduct in the fight in which the outlaw Arcani was killed on Basilan in 1913.

Captain H. H. Elarth, Senior Inspector of the District of Zamboanga, is a brother of the deceased.

The *Herald* joins the many friends of Captain and Mrs. Elarth in extending profound sympathy in their loss, which is likewise a loss to the community and the government service in which the deceased so honorably served.—*Mindanca (P. I.) Herald*.

In connection with the above account of Lieutenant Johnson's death we received the following:

I am sending you a clipping from the *Mindanao Herald* which no doubt will be of interest to you. I had heard of the wounding of Lieutenant Johnson, but did not know that he was a brother in the bond. I had heard of the nerve that he had and of the brave fight that he had put up for his life. Another Constabulary officer had told me of him. If I had only known that he was an A. T. O. I surely would have written him a letter.

On arriving in the P. I. the Constabulary put their men in a training school for two months and when Lieutenant Johnson was in the school he was not only the most popular man there, but was also the leader of a class of more than eighty. He had only been in the Islands a few months, but in that time had made a name for himself for bravery and good-fellowship. He was located in Zamboanga, Mindanao, in the heart of the Moro country, one of the most hostile places in the world.

I think that if he is not on the honor roll at present that it would be no more than a fair tribute to put his name there now. No one in A. T. O. ever deserved it more.

I have heard it said that when a man leaves college that his fraternity is forgotten within a few months. I wish that that same person would some time have the same experience that I have had. When I hit the Islands I was given a stay of two days and then shoved out into the provinces. A person must have been in the P. I. service to get the full meaning of such an experience. The town that I was stationed in had a mere handful of Americans, and one of these was a good A. T. O. brother. He was my shield and protector until I had learned the ways of this "bamboo" country. I then fully realized what my fraternity meant in the fullest sense.

F. BLANKENHORN.



# The Directory

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The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was founded at Richmond, Va., on September 11, 1865. It was incorporated January 10, 1879, by and under the laws of the State of Maryland as "The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity of Baltimore City."

*Founders:* Otis A. Glazebrook, D. D., Captain Alfred Marshall (deceased) and Hon. Erskine M. Ross.

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*The Congress* meets biennially. The next meeting (the 24th biennial) will be held at Nashville, Tenn., on December 30 and 31, 1914, and January 1 and 2, 1915. Next meeting of the High Council, Nashville, Tenn., December 28, 1914.

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## THE PROVINCES AND ACTIVE CHAPTERS

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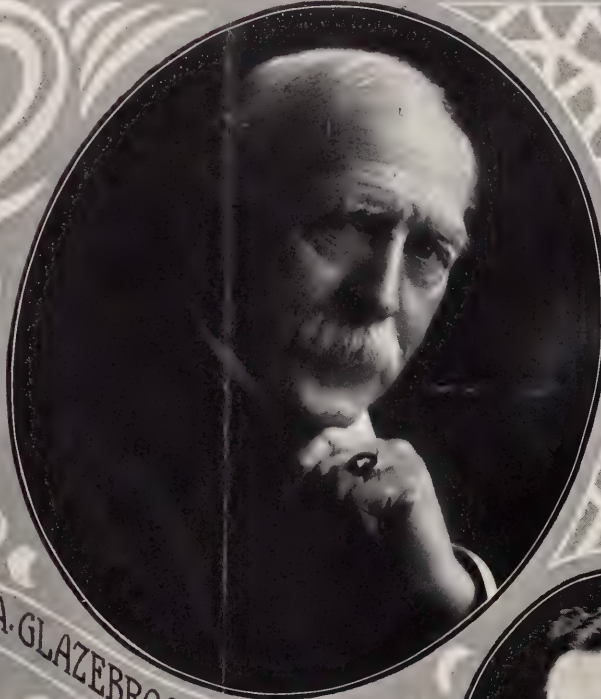
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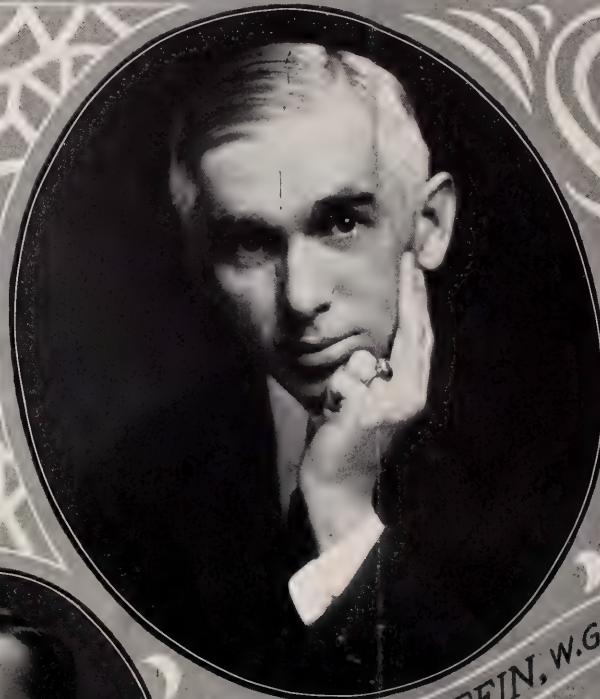
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## THE LOST TAU.

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Randolph-Macon is a Methodist Episcopal college situated at Ashland, Virginia. It was established in 1830 and has about one hundred and fifty students. Five national fraternities have chapters here, three of them of somewhat ancient establishment. Randolph-Macon also has a private fraternity graveyard wherein there are four little tombstones dedicated to the respective memories of Delta Psi, Phi Kappa Psi, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi. There is another grave as well, hitherto unmarked. Hats off, brothers, it is a solemn occasion; for we are about to erect one more little white marble headstone and this one is to be inscribed Alpha Tau Omega. It is true that the babe was very small; in fact, the smallest of the family, and that its life was brief indeed; also it was perhaps the most troublesome infant we have ever attempted to rear and the most difficult to classify; nevertheless, it was our legitimate offspring and must not be forgotten. But let us proceed with the story.

In the spring of 1874 three members of our Trinity College chapter found themselves associated as students at Randolph-Macon. There were, at that time, four chapters of national fraternities at the institution, but these three brothers decided that another could be successfully formed and accordingly applied for and received a charter. It was a custom in these days to maintain the most abysmal secrecy in such matters until the organization was perfected and hence the new chapter was *sub rosa*, it being the intention of the founders to build up a complete chapter before announcing its existence. Unfortunately for the success of this plan but one of the founders returned to college at the end

of the summer vacation and this one shortly thereafter removed to Johns Hopkins. During the same time two additional chapters of national fraternities were organized at Randolph-Macon, thus rendering an already overcrowded field clearly untenable. Under these circumstances no attempt was made to extend the chapter and in due time the charter was surrendered, only one initiation having taken place under its authority.

It is with regard to the status of this one initiate that the principal difficulty concerning this chapter exists. The fraternity at this time consisted of less than twenty chapters, a moiety of which were in Virginia and the remainder in a very limited territory contiguous thereto. The member in question removed to a state and a college wherein Alpha Tau Omega had as yet no representation. His old chapter was extinct and his place of residence precluded him from enjoying the pleasures and advantages of fraternal association. Moreover, he was in attendance at a college where membership in a fraternity was, at the time, a prime requisite to good social standing. In such case he wrote to the Congress of 1878 setting forth the facts and respectfully requesting an honorable dismissal in order that he might, with good conscience, become affiliated with another fraternity. Under the circumstances this impressed the Congress as a not unreasonable request and after due deliberation it was decided to grant the petition and permit the member to resign.

However strange this performance may appear to the modern fraternity man, it was in accordance with a somewhat general usage of fraternities in those days. Indeed, the whole procedure was much more formal and dignified than was often the case in such matters. It was not at all unusual for a fraternity man, upon removing to a college at which there was no chapter of his own society, to become a member of another fraternity without severing his former affiliation. In such cases it was common custom for his first society to grant him honorable dismissal, in case it was applied for, or, if not, to ignore the incident and accept the fact of dual membership without protest. A striking example of such an incident was furnished when one of the "immortal founders" of a great national fraternity in perfect good faith later became a member of a rival organization, but upon learning that



this fact was being used to the discredit of his original society he applied for and received a free and full release from his second obligation. Many similar cases might be noted.

But common as this practice may have been with other societies, it has never been possible for a member of Alpha Tau Omega to sever his affiliation voluntarily, and Congress, although the supreme legislative body, never had authority to permit it. Affiliation with another general fraternity is, and always has been, ground for expulsion and that penalty has been promptly inflicted in the few cases where it was merited. However, in this instance, the member acted in perfect good faith and upon what seemed to him good authority when he tendered his resignation and affiliated elsewhere. Expulsion in such a case, particularly after such a lapse of time, is out of the question. On the other hand, it is equally clear that Congress acted entirely beyond its constitutional power in accepting the resignation and that hence its action in this regard is nugatory. It follows that the man in question is, and always has been, a member of Alpha Tau Omega in good standing. Such being the case he is the only member who unites in his own person the entire membership of a chapter as well as the only member we share in common with another fraternity.

The subject of the above discussion has been, for nearly forty years, in blissful ignorance of his anomalous status in the fraternity world and at this late date he not unnaturally shrinks from the publicity which would be involved should his name be revealed. His very courteous request to the writer renders it obligatory upon us to defer to his wishes in this regard. This is done all the more cheerfully since the chapter was and always has been *sub rosa* and it seems appropriate that its membership should remain *sub rosa*, thus violating none of the traditions. And so to the unique distinctions already noted it is added to our long lost brother to be the only *sub rosa* member of the fraternity. For the benefit of the curious we may go so far as to say that he has been the recipient of baccalaureate, master's and doctor's degrees and that he is a southern professional gentleman of a type which does credit to both his fraternities. His identity as a member of Alpha Tau Omega is a secret shared only by himself, the founders of his chapter and the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals. Perhaps some day he will choose to reveal himself.

But in settling the status of the single member of this chapter we by no means clear up all the difficulties involved. Assuming the legality of the Congressional action, which has apparently not been heretofore questioned, there remains the problem of how to deal, in our records, with a chapter which had no membership. The Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals of that day apparently gave it up, for opposite his record of the chapter there appears no comment or explanation. The chapter has never been included in any published list and in course of time its very name was assumed by other chapters. There seems to have been a tendency to ignore the fact that the Randolph-Macon chapter ever existed. No parallel case exists in the history of the fraternity and it is now believed that the facts should be published and the chapter restored to the current records. Such being the case it becomes important to consider the matter of name.

Originally it was the custom to name the first chapter established in a state *Alpha*, the following ones taking the successive letters of the alphabet in their order. The Randolph-Macon chapter, being the eighth Virginia establishment, was chartered *Virginia Eta* and was so known throughout its existence. The Congress of 1878 ordained a change to the present nomenclature, applied both to active and to dormant chapters, whereby this chapter became in its order, *Virginia Tau*, by which name it must hereafter be known in our records. One of the last chapters named after the old style was the Richmond chapter, which was the ninth Virginia establishment and should have been called *Virginia Iota*, but which as a matter of fact was chartered *Virginia Eta*, showing even at that time an intent to ignore the Randolph-Macon establishment. But regardless of this fact the name *Tau* remained sacred to Randolph-Macon for a number of years, Richmond becoming under the new system *Alpha Alpha*, the name proper to its order of establishment. *Tau* was finally appropriated to the Pennsylvania chapter, for which the appropriate name would have been *Alpha Theta*. This departure from the regular order no doubt was made to distinguish the first northern chapter. The resultant discrepancy originated the line of research which has resulted in this article.

And now, having given the history of this most interesting incident, together with the various complications which have arisen therefrom, we for the first time set forth the annals of the "lost chapter" in full. The record is as follows:

## VIRGINIA TAU.

Randolph-Macon College.

Ashland, Va.

Founded May, 1874, by Walter Hines Page, Junius Augustus Shaw, and Thomas Barker Williams, of North Carolina Xi. Charter surrendered 1876.

## INITIATE.

1—*Sub rosa.*

## AFFILIATES.

1—WALTER HINES PAGE, . . . . . N. C. Xi  
*United States Ambassador, London, Eng.*

2—JUNIUS AUGUSTUS SHAW, . . . . . N. C. Xi  
*Died April 12, 1877.*

3—THOMAS BARKER WILLIAMS, . . . . . N. C. Xi  
*Physician, Ridgeway, N. C.*

With this publication the roll of the chapters of Alpha Tau Omega is now complete.

W. C. SMILEY,

*Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals.*

## THE FORTHCOMING CONGRESS.

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As the time draws near for the twenty-fourth Congress it is but natural that we should look back over the past two years and see what, if anything, we have accomplished and determine, so far as possible, what action we can take which will do most to enable us to accomplish the purposes for which we exist.

The Nashville Congress will mark approximately the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity and during that period Alpha Tau Omega, as well as every other college fraternity, has undergone and is now undergoing a marked change in the method of conducting its affairs. Until approximately ten years ago nearly all of the fraternities were merely collections of chapters scattered throughout the country in various institutions of learning, each of which conducted its affairs pretty much as it saw fit without any particular regard for the other chapters in the organization, and with but little supervision or oversight on the part of the general fraternity. There was little or no nationalism and in most instances the horizon of each chapter was bounded by the confines of its own campus.

With the increase in the number of colleges, with the contribution of vast sums toward endowments, with the rapid increase in the number of our wonderful state universities, there came a corresponding growth in the fraternity system. The existing fraternities established new chapters; new fraternities came into existence and college life became more complex. As the individual chapters began to acquire chapter houses and to assume the business of housing and feeding their members the business side of a chapter's life began to assume an importance equal to that of the social side.

With this growth and with these changing conditions the fraternities have come to see that if they are to demonstrate a satisfactory reason for their existence, and if they are to convince the various college authorities that they occupy a useful and co-



ordinate place in the system of higher education in America, they must exercise a more careful supervision over the scholarship, the morals and the finances of their respective chapters; and with this there has come the need on the part of each fraternity for a strong centralized government and the necessity of the realization on the part of each chapter that it is an integral and component part of a national organization with definite objects and aims, and that upon each chapter rests the responsibility for the success or the failure of the entire organization.

During the past few years we have accomplished much along these lines and toward making Alpha Tau Omega one cohesive whole, but there is much yet to be done and if there is anything in the way of legislation that will tend to accomplish this end it should be speedily enacted.

With the complex life which the world today is leading there comes from every quarter a demand for "efficiency" in the conduct of affairs which reaches the fraternities, as well as every other branch of the world's work.

We cannot legislate efficiency into existence; it can come only through hard work, careful watchfulness and conscientious endeavor by those to whom the affairs of the fraternity are temporarily entrusted and by the individual members of each chapter; for in the last analysis the whole is no stronger than its several parts.

In accordance with the action of the Louisville Congress a handbook containing much that will tend to the efficient management on the part of the chapters has been prepared and is doubtless now in their hands.

A uniform system of accounting for the use of the chapters has been devised and is ready to be put in use at once. While the installation of this system has been unavoidably delayed, we feel that we have been enabled thereby to so perfect it that it will do much in putting each of our chapters on a sound financial basis and when we have done this we shall have gone a long way toward making them more efficient in other respects and in helping them to solve some of the many problems with which they are confronted.

We should determine at Nashville whether or not conditions have so changed as to require the appointment of a committee to

revise the constitution. The present constitution was adopted at the Birmingham Congress in 1906 and if a committee should be appointed at the coming Congress, ten years will doubtless have elapsed before a new constitution can be prepared and adopted. It would seem that a period of ten years between revisions is not too short a time; many states have found that changing conditions require the holding of constitutional conventions every decade. If we should determine to appoint such a committee, the question then arises whether or not we should depart radically from our present system of government.

A strong national organization properly conducted requires a vast deal of work on the part of the executive officers and we have realized for many years that in numerous instances our officers have served the fraternity at considerable personal sacrifice. Many of the fraternities have appreciated this same fact and have created the office of either traveling secretary or general secretary, the incumbent of which devotes his entire time to the business of the fraternity and receives a modest compensation. Whether our needs demand, and whether our resources will permit, such a departure from our long established system is a question which requires careful consideration before it is determined. It is a serious question whether a paid traveling secretary is able to accomplish as much good among the various chapters as our Province Chiefs who devote their time gratis. I am inclined to think, however, that we might to advantage create an office of general secretary, the incumbent of which should receive a salary and that we should combine in that office many of the routine duties which are now performed by the Worthy Grand Chief, the Worthy Grand Keeper of the Exchequer and the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, thereby leaving these officers free to spend their time, limited as it must necessarily be, in work of a more constructive nature.

We should adopt a budget system of expenditures appropriating for each office a specific sum with an allowance for a contingent fund as well as for a sinking fund. Each officer will then know how much he may spend and will be able and compelled to govern himself accordingly. Inasmuch as the Worthy Grand Keeper of the Exchequer will be prepared to report at Congress

in detail concerning the receipts, as well as the cost of administering each office during the past two years, it ought not to be a difficult thing for the finance committee to adequately solve this problem.

Another important question with which we should concern ourselves is the question of high school fraternities. At the meeting of the Inter-Fraternity Conference held in November, 1913, that body, by a close vote, went on record in favor of legislation by the various national fraternities prohibiting the initiation, after a date to be determined upon, of men who have been members of high school fraternities. Observation extending over a period of twenty years has convinced me that as a general thing, the high school fraternities have no satisfactory reason for existing. A number of national fraternities have passed laws in accordance with the sentiment expressed at the last meeting of the Inter-Fraternity Conference. I realize that there may be notable exceptions to the general rule and before we take any action those chapters which have been drawing men from high school fraternities and who feel that in their respective cases the high school fraternities in question are of real merit, should have an opportunity to be heard and to present their side. The chapters should discuss this question freely before Congress and the delegates should come instructed so that whatever action we take will accurately reflect the sentiment of the entire fraternity.

There are a number of other questions which should come before Congress which cannot, with propriety, be discussed here and inasmuch as there will be a vast amount of work to be done it is desired to save, so far as possible, the time which heretofore has been consumed in the reading of the reports from the various chapters. To that end the chapters are requested to make all reports to Congress as of November 1, 1914, and to have them in the hands of their respective Province Chiefs not later than November 10th. The Province Chiefs are requested to forward all reports to the Worthy Grand Chief not later than November 15th. They will then be put into type and printed so that copies will be available for all of the delegates when Congress meets.

Each chapter is requested to elect its delegate not later than November 7th and to notify its Province Chief immediately upon election. The standing committees of Congress will be appointed



on or before November 21st and in making up these committees only the delegates will be considered who shall have then been elected and whose names shall have been properly certified to the Province Chiefs and by them to the Worthy Grand Chief. It is necessary therefore that the above procedure be carried out in connection with the election of delegates, otherwise a chapter may not receive the recognition upon committees to which it may deem itself entitled.

The delegates to Congress and the various chapters should realize that there is abroad today a widespread feeling of opposition and hostility to the national fraternity system. Legislation against fraternities in state institutions will doubtless be attempted in a number of states during the coming winter and if this is successful it is but a step from the state institutions to those privately endowed. This opposition is not sporadic and is not of recent origin, but is almost nation-wide, and while it has existed in one form or another for the past decade, it has only recently assumed alarming proportions. For many years the national organizations were content to shut their eyes to the conditions of affairs, but now they have awakened to the full sense of the seriousness of conditions.

After all is said and done the one thing which will do most toward allaying the feeling of hostility against the fraternities is the raising of the scholastic standing of the fraternity men. Too frequently do the reports from college officials show that the average standing of the fraternity men is below that of the non-fraternity men. While there seems to have been somewhat of an improvement along this line during the past two years much can still be done.

On May 1, 1914, the combined membership of our chapters was approximately 1,300. These men are attending college primarily to learn that which will best fit them for the duties and the responsibilities of their after life and it is for Alpha Tau Omega to so conduct its affairs in the national organization and in its several chapters that each of these men because of his membership will come forth with higher ideals, better equipped and better qualified mentally and morally to take up his task and do his day's work among the men of the world.

NATHAN F. GIFFIN,  
*Worthy Grand Chief.*



## A FRATERNITY EXAMINATION PAPER.

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Several of the chapters require their freshmen to submit to an examination upon matters concerning the history and standing of the fraternity. The Kansas chapter recently conducted such an examination and Province Chief George B. Drake has very kindly furnished us with a set of the questions propounded as well as the original paper submitted by Frederick R. O'Donnell.

The questions were as follows:

1. (a) Tell where and when the fraternity was founded, by whom, and under what circumstances.

(b) Under the laws of what state is the fraternity incorporated and under what name?

2. Give the number of active and defunct chapters of the fraternity; the Greek names of each chapter in Province III and its location; and name fifteen other schools where Alpha Tau Omega has chapters and locate them.

3. Tell under what system the fraternity operates nationally. Discuss fully. Give one good method for improvement.

4. Name the national offices of the fraternity and the men who fill them.

5. Give a brief account of the history of the fraternity from the time of its inception.

6. What is your idea of fraternalism?

7. Name the flower, colors, and give the yell of the fraternity.

8. Explain the publication of the PALM and its purpose. What are its exchanges?

9. Give your views on anti-fraternity legislation.

10. What do you think is the true test of an education?

The answers submitted by Brother O'Donnell follow. In this connection it should be noted that the committee conducting the examination credited the paper at 94 per cent. In the several instances where incorrect answers were given, we have stated the correction in brackets.

1. (a) The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was founded at Richmond, Va., September 11, 1865. The founders were Otis A. Glazebrook, Captain Alfred Marshall (deceased) and Erskine M. Ross. These three men were students at V. M. I. and when the Civil War broke out, they offered their services to the South. They were mustered out with honor. The conditions in the country were deplorable, because of internal strife and poverty. This caused much disquiet and hatred. These three men resumed their studies at V. M. I. after the war. It was at this time, that Glazebrook conceived and formulated the plans which resulted in the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. His idea of binding the North and South firmly together by a fraternal brotherhood was the only way of accomplishing his end. He thought that a fraternity should have more for its aim, than mere social ties. He made his ideas known to his two comrades, and together they founded this fraternity.

(b) On January 10, 1879, it was incorporated by and under the laws of the State of Maryland as "The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity of Baltimore City."

2. There are sixty-two [64] active and thirty-four defunct chapters of the fraternity.

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Gamma Nu.

Iowa State College, Ames, Gamma Upsilon.

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, Beta Alpha.

University of Missouri, Columbia, Gamma Rho.

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Gamma Mu.

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Gamma Theta.

University of Wyoming, Laramie, Gamma Psi.

University of Colorado, Boulder, Gamma Lambda.

University of California, Berkeley, Cal.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore.

University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.

Western Reserve, Cleveland, Ohio.

Wooster University, Wooster, Ohio.

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

University of Maine, Orono, Me.

University of Virginia [Charlottesville].

University of Georgia, Athens.

Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa.

University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.

University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

3. The fraternity operates nationally through its three departments—the executive, judicial, and legislative. The country is divided up into nine provinces, over which the Worthy Grand Chief appoints a chief. The officers constitute the executive department. The Worthy Grand Chief looks after the general welfare of the fraternity, presides at the Congresses, and has a limited veto power. The judicial department has at its head, the Worthy High Chancellor, who decides all questions of dispute that may arise. The legislative powers are vested in a Congress, and a high council. The Congress is made up of one member from each active chapter, and state alumni associations, together with the national officers. The high council is composed of five men elected for a term of four years. It has limited legislative powers, and carries out all necessary legislation between the meetings of Congress. All laws passed by them are valid until Congress meets. Congress meets on the last Wednesday of every even numbered year. The next meeting is at Nashville on December 30 and 31, 1914, and January 1 and 2, 1915. Each province has a biennial conclave, alternating with the national Congress. At the meetings of Congress and conclaves everything for the betterment of the fraternity is done. The only improvement that I could suggest would be that the conclaves and congresses could be held at times and places where more Alpha Taus could get together. More good could be thus accomplished.

4. Worthy Grand Chief, Nathan Giffin.

Worthy Grand Chaplain, Rev. John W. Hamilton.

Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, Max Erdman.

Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, William Smiley.

Worthy Grand Scribe, Claude Reno.

Worthy High Chancellor, Robt. E. Lee Saner.

High Council, Otis A. Glazebrook, Chairman.

5. The founders established the first chapter at V. M. I. and

soon after they placed another<sup>1</sup> at Washington and Lee. They knew that if they were to spread their teachings to do any good, that chapters had to be established all over the country. The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was founded in the South, so naturally its growth was first in the South. Growth was slow for a few years after the war, but chapters were gradually placed in all the good schools. The northern invasion was commenced about 1870 [1880] and several chapters established. It was a difficult task, because all the old northern and eastern frats were firmly established, and it was hard for a southern fraternity to gain much headway in the north. About 1875 to 1880, the crisis of the fraternity came and under the exertions of Glazebrook and Anderson it was overcome and interest again centered on the work of the fraternity. After this several new chapters were installed and then the general expansion, which took place within the last twenty years.

6. My idea of fraternalism is a firm friendship among men both for social intercourse and intellectual advancement. The ideals and morals should be uplifting. The fraternity should be a center of interest, and all should strive for its advancement. A fraternity should form ties of friendship and loyalty for life.

7. The flower is the white tea rose. The colors are sky blue and old gold.

The yell:

“Ruh, rah, rega,  
Alpha Tau Omega.  
Hip rah, hip rah,  
Three cheers for Alpha Tau.”

8. The PALM is published quarterly by Claude Reno. Its purpose is to let the chapters in various parts of the country know about each other, and the accomplishments of prominent alumni. Each chapter sends in a letter to the publisher. The exchanges are the publications of the other general fraternities. *Banta's Greek Exchange* is one. The *Delta Tau Rainbow* another.

9. I think that most of the anti-fraternity legislation is unjust because the true conditions are unknown to most of the legislators. Sometimes fraternity men by their actions cause a lot of this unneeded criticism by acting unnatural when home or away.



The cost of living in a fraternity is another basis of argument. The costly parties often attract the eye of some narrow-minded person and a general feeling of distrust is lodged against the fraternities. I think that the fraternities should be careful and do all in their power to remove this feeling of distrust.

10. The true test of an education is not the amount of book learning a person receives while in school, but rather his ability to meet and feel at home, whenever he should have the opportunity of meeting great people. The social side of one's education must not be neglected, if one is to succeed in this world. Experience along this line is invaluable to a person.

## HORSE PLAY AT INITIATIONS.

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"I must run along," said a senior to me one evening not long ago when he was making an informal call at my house. "We are initiating this week, and we have to give our freshmen a little work out tonight." "God help the freshmen," I replied as I recalled the procedure which was followed at the initiations with which I was familiar during the first few years of my own fraternity life, and those other tales to which I listened as they fell from the lips of willing undergraduates.

It was great sport to send prospective brothers out on a quiet stroll to the cemetery clad becomingly in empty flour barrels, or to set them to wheeling doll baby carriages about the campus, or to make them fish all day, with a pin hook in the dry "Bone-yard." Such stunts always brought the fraternity into deserved prominence and served to convince the general public that we were the fools they thought us. There were other sorts of goings-on of which I have been told, some of them devised with the keenest insight into the methods of human torture, mental and physical. There were personal insults and physical abuse, such as painting the body of the victim, torturing him with electrical horrors, feeding him with nauseating messes, and beating him up to see how much pain he could stand without flinching or crying out. The fake violation of the oath was a form of mental torture which when worked skillfully made the initiate writhe. I have known boys who broke down and sobbed and who were upset for days by the memory of the imagined disgrace which they were going to suffer. All this we agreed was to put the freshman into the proper frame of mind and prepare him for the better appreciation of the ritual.

I think it is hardly fair to condemn a practice so common as "horse play" and "rough house" without getting, as far as it is possible to do so, the point of view of those most intimately engaged in it. For that purpose I recently talked very freely with a score

or more of undergraduates with whom I am well acquainted, and in addition to this I wrote letters to the presidents of each of the men's social organizations at the University of Illinois asking them to give me in a few words their opinion of the effect of "rough house" or "horse play" preliminary to the initiation of pledges, with any good argument which they might have for or against it.

The replies to these letters were very interesting. Of the twenty-eight replies received sixteen were opposed to the practice and twelve favored it. In general local organizations whose rituals are probably pretty weak and inadequate were strongly in favor of the practice, and those national fraternities who thought it a mistake to omit the "rough stuff" from the initiation ceremonies were in general of recent organization with little or no traditions behind them, or the local chapters were without strong leaders. Such organizations have little else to depend upon to keep their men in line, excepting the "strong arm." Those who were most strongly against it were the organizations with definite traditions, or those whose local leadership is vigorous and effective.

The beneficial effects of this rather coarse form of preliminary initiation, or the reasons it should be retained as a part of the ceremonies, are, according to the advocates of the custom, to keep up a worthy tradition, to teach the freshman his proper place, to discover if the initiate is "yellow," and to apply to his character an adequate test. One man says:

"In my own experience in watching freshmen 'put through' in the manner with which I am familiar, I give my unqualified approbation to 'horse play.' The average freshman is young, untried, and usually fresh from high school triumphs; his ego is largely developed, he does not consider that the fraternity is conferring a favor on him, but that his presence is largely a condescension. This last attitude is partly due to rushing methods and largely due to imperfect rearing by parents. He is distinctly not a man, and the fraternity must take up the task of character shaping where the parents left off or never began. His exaggeration of his own omnipotence must be dissipated, and as one of our own freshmen puts it he usually cannot reason it out, so other methods must be used. If he could fully comprehend the significance of fraternity ties, 'horse play' would be unnecessary,

but he cannot do this, and more material means are necessary. Furthermore, the so-called 'rough house' is a means of determining what a man possesses, whether he has a streak of 'yellow' or not, whether he has stamina."

Yet this man admits that even though this trying preliminary work shows the initiate both "yellow" and without stamina, the initiation goes on just the same, and the man whose character has been shown to be weak is received with quite as much enthusiasm as if he had stood the test like a martyr.

One other man says:

"Horse play, to be administered properly and with justification, should be given as punishment for some offense. Certain duties are required of the freshman, and certain rules are laid down which he must not violate. Usually these rules are sensible, and are designed to assist him in keeping up his work. Other rules are designed with no other purpose than to keep the freshman in his proper place in the fraternity household, and work no direct harm against him. If the rules are at all sensible, therefore, I think it right that whenever the freshman fails in his duties, or when he does those things which the fraternity forbids, he must take his spanking, or whatever other form of 'horse play' the fraternity uses."

And still he believes that the college fraternity is an organization for men and not for children, and that it is a brotherhood of intelligent thinking fellows rather than a reform school.

I quote, also, from a third letter:

"The purpose of 'horse play,' as I see it, is to test the candidates for initiation for those desirable characteristics which should be present in every good man. If there are any undesirable characteristics, such as 'yellow streaks,' they are very sure to show when a candidate is undergoing a severe test of 'horse play.' There is no doubt, however, that the 'rough house' element in many initiations has degenerated into a selfish desire on the part of a few individuals to get even with the pledge; hence the wholesale beating-up which so frequently occurs. From my own experience, I can say that a minimum amount of the 'rough house' element rightly applied can no doubt be of benefit to every pledge."

On the other hand, those who oppose "horse play" and who



contend that the simple ritual is most effective give equally strong reasons. From some of these letters I quote.

"In the first case, a fraternity initiation should be a solemn and dignified affair; and 'rough house,' even though performed the previous night, takes away from the effectiveness and dignity of any initiation. Secondly, true men are sportsmen enough to do the stunts they are asked to perform without any paddling or beating. More effective methods of regulating and disciplining an initiate can be devised. Thirdly, a 'rough house' initiation is not a great amount of fun for the men present, and, after one experience, a man's enthusiasm for such things generally palls.

"In the initiations I have been put through I think a great deal more of those that did not have the 'horse play,' and I have a higher respect for the organization that gave such without the 'rough house.' 'Rough house' initiations are a dangerous sport, and serious accidents take place easily. I believe that it would be a good measure for fraternities as national bodies to forbid 'horse play' in their initiations."

Perhaps the strongest arguments against the practice are summed up in the following, quoted from the letter of a president of one of the fraternities and one of the best respected fellows in the Greek-letter organizations.

"A fraternity is supposed, by those who know, to be a men's organization with serious motives and purposes behind it, and the 'rough house' is mere child's play. It is said that the pledges expect it—but one does not always get what he expects in college. One of the worst features of the farce is that it cheapens the real ritual. The freshman is very likely to put one on a par with the other and consider the pledges that he takes as a huge joke.

"I do not believe that there is a great deal of danger attached to the 'horse play.' True, those who go through it are stiff and sore for several days, but it is very seldom that any one receives any lasting injury. Occasionally, however, we hear of some one being seriously injured. Then the whole Greek world gets some more unpleasant notoriety.

"In my experience I have never seen an instance of any one being benefited by the farce. It is not true that the initiates are treated with less severity than they would be without it. It

always gives a fine opportunity for the gratification of any personal grudge, and the fellow who has never gone through one is the same fellow who wields the paddle most lustily.

"People not in college cannot understand it, and with the whole Greek-letter system undergoing an attack as it is at present, the 'rough house' simply furnishes material for the opposition, and I, for one, am firmly convinced that it should have no place in our initiations."

A third man, whose fraternity ritual, if one may guess from its origin, is one of the most dignified among college societies, says:

"It is my opinion that 'horse play' arises largely from the lack of a well defined ritual. The more complete and impressive the initiation service the less will be the tendency to start anything in the line of 'rough house.' This sort of thing has a place only in an organization without definite aim or purpose other than the amusement of the members."

Still another says:

"It is advanced that, when you subject a man to physical ordeals or cause him to make himself appear ridiculous, you probe his character. In my opinion, a man's conduct under initiation is not an index of his character. A man may allow indignities to be heaped upon him merely because he sees it is to his advantage to do so and not because of any particular goodness of character. The man of coarse sensibilities will smile; the man of fine sensibilities will feel insulted—nether will be benefited, nor does the fraternity reap any benefit."

These opinions were to me interesting, and I present them for what they are worth. As for myself, as I have looked back over the experiences which I had, and as I have seen and heard the effects which these exhibitions or the reports of them have had upon the general public, I have come to see how common and vulgar the practice really is and how out of keeping with the real purposes of the fraternity. Anything which brings the fraternity or fraternity men thus prominently before the people who are not in sympathy with such organizations is sure to do them damage. The public "horse play" seems to me now a display of crude advertising.

When I was a small boy I remember that a merchant of the country town near which I lived offered a prize of twenty-five

dollars and the minister's fee to any couple who would be married in his shop window at noon on the Fourth of July. Somebody accepted the offer and got the money, and to this day I never see a fraternity man capering about the campus engaged in some of the "horse play" incident to an initiation but that I think of that couple—crude, illiterate, without sensitiveness—standing in that public place before the laughing, jeering, unsympathetic crowd, to have performed the most sacred and holy rite of marriage; and I always hang my head a little in shame.

As to the arguments in favor of "rough house," I do not believe that any man was ever permanently helped by it. Even though a man should prove himself to have a "streak of yellow" in him, that fact, as I have said, never bars him. If he be too "fresh," the rough treatment may calm him for the time being, but he bobs up serenely at the next initiation, fresher than ever, and keen to beat up the defenseless brother who has come after him.

As to "showing the freshman his true place," I have in a previous paper expressed myself on this topic. I believe that because of his somewhat wider experience the upper classman should rule, but I have little sympathy with the feeling that it is to the advantage either of the freshman or of the fraternity that the initiate should be humiliated and insulted simply to establish the fact that the upper classmen are in authority.

I think it is true, too, that such practices cheapen the ritual and center the thought of the initiate not on the seriousness of the ceremony through which he is going, but upon the probability of his getting a good crack across the pants as he is being led about by the fraternity officer. Even though the rough part of the initiation may be given on the day previous to the presenting of the real ritual, the initiate does not know this and usually has his weather eye out for trouble. The seriousness of effect, therefore, I feel sure is injured.

Fraternities will justify themselves only as they can establish the fact that their purpose is a serious one, that their members are men rather than foolish, unruly boys, that in taking men into their organizations they are taking them into a brotherhood rather than an autocracy. If this is their purpose, there will be no need of "rough house" and no place for the public "horse play" of which we have seen too much.

THOMAS ARKLE CLARK,

*(From Banta's Greek Exchange.)*



## The Editor's Views

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The next issue of the PALM will be largely devoted to news and articles concerning the Nashville Congress. That number will contain full, definite and complete information about every detail of the meeting and, as it will be issued not later than November 25th, will be before the Fraternity in ample time to permit every member to arrange to attend the gathering.

But, even in advance of that publication, we desire to emphasize the necessity of a large attendance at Congress. In the first place, the Fraternity is again reminded that this Congress will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Fraternity, and that the Semi-Centennial Celebration will be an event which no Alpha Tau should willingly miss. The High Council, through one of its committees, is preparing a program for the celebration that will be both instructive and interesting.

In the second place, the business of the Congress demands the closest attention of the Fraternity at this time. The national administration will propose for the consideration of the Congress a number of questions of transcendent importance and interest. Some of the questions are likely to involve the very fundamentals of the Fraternity. They result from the close study given to our whole organization by a keen observer, Worthy Grand Chief Nathan F. Giffin, and the Fraternity will be asked to reflect upon the desirability of reforming some features that are as ancient as the landmarks themselves. It is bound to be an epoch making Congress and the best that the Fraternity possesses should be present to aid and advise in the transaction of its business and in the solution of its many and varied problems.

Thirdly, the social features of the Congress will eclipse anything of that nature heretofore attempted. We have seen a copy of the tentative program and it certainly assures every



delegate and visitor "the best time of his life." Every essential feature of Southern hospitality is provided and every event will be carried out in a manner that will leave nothing to be desired. The Alpha Tau who is looking for a good time at Christmas can surely find it in Nashville.



One of the duties chapters will be required to perform early during the fall term is the election of a delegate to the Congress. This is probably the most important matter requiring the attention of chapters this year and serious consideration and reflection should precede action.

The Nashville Congress is bound to be an important affair. The national administration, under the wise leadership of its aggressive Worthy Grand Chief, Nathan F. Giffin, has been not only carrying forward the work of the Fraternity, but is also planning new projects of vast import which will require the sanction of our highest legislative body. These projects are elsewhere discussed in this issue by Worthy Grand Chief Giffin and form a basis upon which may be founded an estimate of the character of the deliberations most likely to engage the time and attention of the delegates.

A careful study of Brother Giffin's article and a broad survey of the conditions, needs and aspirations of the Fraternity should convince every active man of the imperative necessity of being properly represented at this Congress. After all, the voting power of Congress is lodged in the active delegates and no action can be taken without their consent. It is their intelligence, their loyalty and their voice that directs the course of the Fraternity. Older men may advise, but they cannot direct. In the last analysis, the power of the Fraternity resides with the active delegates and the Fraternity's work is advanced or retarded in the proportion as they are wise or foolish.

Chapters should therefore be exceedingly circumspect in the selection of a delegate. The duty of electing a delegate is well and properly performed only when the chapter has elected that man who is best capable of representing and voting the views of his chapter upon the floor of Congress. He should be a man who

not only thoroughly understands his local chapter and its needs, but who also has studied and is acquainted with the problems of the Fraternity generally. The worst type is the man who, knowing only his own chapter, believes that the Fraternity should conform to it. He's too narrow. Another type to be avoided is the man who knows nothing of the sixty-four chapters, their limitations, their resources and their capacity and expects the general Fraternity to require perfection from them. What is wanted is a man with a broad, intelligent grasp of the fraternity situation, who can decide every proposition upon its merits and fearlessly vote his convictions, however it may affect himself or his local chapter if it will redound to the good of the Fraternity generally. Such a man need not necessarily be a debater or an orator, although if he can take the floor and state his views briefly and logically he will be all the better qualified. He need not be a good mixer, though if he can enter into the spirit of the various social events he will the more enjoy the Congress. Naturally, a good all-round man, an orator who knows when to keep quiet, a "mixer" who knows how to legislate, a "hail fellow—well met," who knows more than the Fraternity's grip, is the ideal man.

Some few of our chapters are accustomed to send that man, however indifferent his qualifications may be, who will attend Congress without expense to the chapters. This practice should be discontinued. The chapter is entitled to the service of the best qualified man on its rolls and it should not permit any other to represent it merely because of the expense thus avoided.

Let us have the flower of the Fraternity at Nashville.



One of our contemporaries is reviving an ancient issue by finding fault with the initiation of college professors by Alpha Tau Omega.

Our esteemed personal friend, Frank F. Rogers, writes in his *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta:

We knew that many fraternities still stultified themselves and belittled the value of their membership by the initiation of honorary members, but we have never known of such a wholesale practice of this discredited

custom as is pursued by the Alpha Tau Omega chapter at the University of the South. In recent years they have initiated five members of the faculty. At first thought one might shrug his shoulders with a smile and say that it was that fraternity's own business. But in these days of criticism and attack every fraternity has a broader responsibility to the entire fraternity system. The other chapters at Sewanee whose regulations do not allow the initiation of honorary members nourish a slumbering irritation against the Alpha Tau Omega chapter. They claim that it has an unfair advantage in the rushing season because the ignorant freshman does not know how so many members of the faculty were secured.

To the older men of the Fraternity the above is the repetition of similar charges made during a period of almost thirty years. Just as rapidly as our Greek neighbors removed the beam in their own eyes they have called attention very virtuously to the mote in ours. Hence, whenever a fraternity experiences an era of housecleaning and reform it usually celebrates the event by placing Alpha Tau Omega in the category of the benighted because we persist in our right to judge of the qualifications of our own membership. The thirty and more volumes of the PALM contain numerous more or less elaborate defenses of our attitude upon post-graduate initiations and it seems hardly necessary to repeat what has already been so well said. However, since last we were called upon to defend our position a new generation of Alpha Taus has come upon the scene and they certainly are entitled to know upon what foundations are based a custom that has become almost an ancient landmark of Alpha Tau Omega.

In the first place, it should be noted that Alpha Tau Omega has no and has had no "honorary" members, within the sense of that term as it is frequently employed. That is to say, it has never admitted any one into its ranks except by *initiation*, and then only such persons who were at the time of initiation actively connected with a collegiate institution either as a student, faculty member, or, in a very few instances, a trustee, excepting, however, in the nine community chapters which we shall discuss later. We have always emphasized the necessity of an initiation and of some active collegiate connection. In this respect we have always differed from Sigma Chi, which *initiated* President Grover



Cleveland, although he had then no connection with the college at which he was initiated; and with Sigma Alpha Epsilon, which admitted William McKinley into membership while a trustee of Mt. Union College, but did not formally initiate him. In fact, we have in this respect differed most radically with every other Greek fraternity that has ever admitted others than students to its membership.

We have carried this requirement of an initiation to extreme lengths. For example, we have frequently granted charters to clubs which have been in existence for several years and have naturally had alumni members. Such alumni members, within certain well defined limitations, are eligible to membership in Alpha Tau Omega. They are eligible to membership, but they do not become members by the granting of a charter to the club of which they were members. They must be regularly admitted and initiated. In this respect, Alpha Tau Omega differs from many of its neighbors. Thus, Alpha Tau Omega absorbed the living chapters of the defunct national fraternity, Alpha Gamma, but it carries on its rolls only those members of that national fraternity who were actually initiated into Alpha Tau Omega. Beta Theta Pi did likewise when it absorbed Alpha Sigma Chi and thereby acquired its greatest asset, William R. Baird. Delta Tau Delta did not follow this course when it absorbed the Rainbow fraternity and it carries men, like Congressman Padgett, on its rolls today who probably never saw a Delta Tau Delta initiation.

It is certainly true that Alpha Tau Omega was founded for and by college men, but not necessarily undergraduate college men. One of the Founders of Alpha Tau Omega was a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. He aided in drawing up the Constitution, secret work and initiatory ceremonies, yet he was not at college at any time during his membership in Alpha Tau Omega. Alpha Tau Omega was planned not only for undergraduates, but also for other college men who might be able to promote the objects of the Fraternity. For this reason, among others, Alpha Tau Omega very early established the so-called community chapters, not connected with collegiate institutions, into which were initiated men who were not in college at the time of their initiation. In this



respect, Alpha Tau Omega followed the example of Phi Beta Kappa, the first Greek-letter college fraternity, which certainly planned and probably actually established several chapters in various cities and counties of Virginia and elsewhere, which were not connected with schools or colleges and which did not exclude non-college men from membership. Other fraternities, notably Beta Theta Pi, established similar organizations, though none have avowed it quite so frankly as Alpha Tau Omega. It should, however, be said in this connection that while membership in the community chapters was not restricted to college trained men, as a matter of fact, most of the men initiated into them had been in attendance at either the Virginia Military Institute or Washington and Lee University before the Civil War and were not able to return to their studies at its close.

The early conception of Alpha Tau Omega was an organization of men, preferably college trained men, who should unite their energies to promote the revival of a genuine, abiding feeling of good will, love and fraternity between the North and South. In its essence, this early conception has not been departed from, although some features of the early organization have been eliminated. Thus, the community chapter idea passed out of existence within the first decade of the Fraternity's life. Initiations have, however, never been restricted solely to undergraduate students by any legislative act of the Fraternity, although within the past decade very few men have been initiated who were not then college students. Many chapters have never initiated a professor or a trustee and some only one or two. Possibly, in the course of time, the practice will be either voluntarily discontinued or prohibited by suitable legislation. In the process of evolution, to which Alpha Tau Omega is subject quite as well as any other fraternity, it is entirely conceivable that some of our ancient customs, however commendable they may be, shall be permitted to be abolished. In the meantime, Alpha Tau Omega reserves the absolute, indefeasible and unquestionable right to regulate its qualifications for membership in any manner that shall appeal to its own judgment and wisdom, free from the interference of an external influence of any nature whatsoever.

The gist of the complaint against us, however, is that we

deceive the Greek world by flaunting the names of men who were initiated after graduation. If we say that A (who was initiated while a student) is a member of Alpha Tau Omega and that X (who was initiated while in the faculty) is a member of Alpha Tau Omega we assert only incontrovertible facts. Both are members upon the same basis. We recognize no distinctions between them because there are no distinctions to recognize. Both have qualified under the same clause of our organic law; both have avowed the same obligation of fidelity; both have been conducted into fellowship with us by the same initiation ceremony and both are subject to exactly the same duties and are privileged to enjoy precisely the same rights. On the other hand, we have not the slightest objection to the disclosure of the fact that X, or Y, or Z was initiated while a faculty member. The pages of the *PALM* are mute evidence of the fact that we have never attempted to conceal the time of a man's initiation. We have frequently said that, "So-and-So was initiated into X chapter while a member of the faculty." To us there is no difference and there is no reason for deception, concealment or equivocation. While we will not concede to any one the right to dictate our membership qualifications we do permit them to make any distinction or classification they may be pleased to make for their own consolation, amusement or advantage. Thus, we have noted, with entire equanimity, the omission of the names of several notable Alpha Tau alumni from the list of prominent alumni of this Fraternity in Baird's Handbook. Mr. Baird refuses to list them as prominent alumni because we failed to initiate them while at college, although to be entirely consistent he should also exclude many members of his own fraternity, and of other fraternities. But we do not object. It is Mr. Baird's book and he is the sole judge of its contents. In our own publications we have not hesitated to accord these men the prominence they deserve, but it does not lie in the mouth of any man to say that we have deceived any one by a failure to recognize a distinction which does not exist.

Nor will Alpha Tau Omega admit that her attitude upon faculty initiations is not in harmony with the best Greek-letter thought. The Greek world is even now engaged in an effort to

eliminate immaturity from the chapters and to secure a larger and more efficient measure of faculty regulation and supervision. On the one hand, is the effort to restrict initiations to grades higher than the freshman and, on the other hand, the effort to interest alumni as "patrons," "older brothers," "advisers". Fully a dozen of the greater national fraternities are attempting to secure direct control and direction of their chapters by older men, by local alumni, and, in many instances, by having members of the faculty reside in chapter houses and thereby influence, if not direct, the lives of the young men in them. Is not this a commendable effort to interest older, experienced, talented men in the work of promoting the welfare of the young men whose budding lives are committed to our care? And shall Alpha Tau Omega be condemned; is the value of her membership belittled; does she stultify herself; if she seeks to solve this very serious problem by admitting to her ranks men who are best fitted for this great and noble work?

If, as Mr. Rogers says, our friends at Sewanee nourish a slumbering irritation against us, we, of course, regret it and we can only hope that the irritation will not be awakened. But we cannot concede to them, nor to Frank F. Rogers, nor to any one not in our councils, the right to fix qualifications of membership in Alpha Tau Omega. If by this attitude we stultify ourselves or belittle the value of our membership we shall endeavor to carry that onerous burden with as much of complacency as we can muster to the task and shall not ask Delta Tau Delta for either sympathy or assistance.



Something should be done to keep the alumni of our inactive chapters in closer touch with the Fraternity. In these days most, if not all, of the active chapters attempt to keep their respective alumni informed as to their progress and work. Some few chapters issue semi-occasional chapter newspapers; some issue quarterly printed letters; others annual letters and more or less elaborate printed reports. A few write to their alumni only when they need money to pay for the new house, or new furniture, or when they have some other axe to grind. But in any event the alumnus



of an active chapter is constantly reminded of the continued existence and prosperity of his chapter and, incidentally, of the general Fraternity as well.

Not so with the alumnus of an extinct chapter. On several occasions, within recent years, they received the annual letter written by Worthy Grand Chiefs to the alumni generally. This commendable practice has not been followed, with regularity by succeeding administrations and this class of alumni has accordingly been denied even the very meagre information naturally contained in such letters. As a consequence, the alumnus of an inactive chapter is, with rare exceptions, almost totally without any source of information and without any point of contact with the Fraternity.

Of course, he can subscribe to the PALM and to some extent he has subscribed. We believe that not less than fifteen per cent. of our subscribers are members of extinct chapters. This indicates an interest in the Fraternity which, if properly encouraged and nurtured, might be converted into a powerful engine for good.

We must not forget that among the alumni of our extinct chapters are some of the men whose names have become very precious to us. For example, from one little high school, Bingham's School, have come men like Hugh Martin, who gave us the best of his talents as Province Chief and Worthy Grand Chief; Robert W. Bingham, who served as Province Chief and Worthy High Chancellor and enriched Alpha Tau literature by contributing to it his famous Birmingham oration; and Dave White, a familiar figure at an early Congress, who served as Worthy Grand Scribe and on the High Council. Men like these are worth the extra effort to retain their interest in our affairs. Bingham's School is no exception. Other inactive chapters can present a record quite as illustrious and as meritorious. Take the Virginia Alpha chapter, with its long roll of initiates, with Anderson, and Spiller, and Hayes, and a half score of others already almost household names to those who have studied early Alpha Tau history. Then, there are the nine community chapters, all extinct, beyond all hope of revival, but just as surely a part of our fabric as our latest chapter, with rolls replete with names of



men who have served well for and in our cause. In the old days, few chapters were more loyal nor more aggressive than Tennessee Lambda at Cumberland University, or Virginia Epsilon at Roanoke, and there are dozens of men upon their rolls that have bore the stress and strain of high and courageous endeavor for Alpha Tau Omega.

Something must be done to revive their faltering interest and the lagging interest of their colleagues. We are not aware that there are any precedents for such action. As far as our knowledge goes, no fraternity has ever made any particular effort to engage the interest of this class of alumni. We are, therefore, engaging in pioneer work, but we must not halt or hesitate because we are doing something new or untried.

The thing to be done is really the creation of some functionary charged explicitly and exclusively with this work. We hesitate, of course, to advise the creation of a new office, yet the duties required are such that they will hardly fit into any existing office. The Worthy Grand Chief, the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, the Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, as well as the several Province Chiefs, are already required to give as much of their time to Fraternity work as busy men can well afford to spare. But might it not be well to authorize the Worthy Grand Chief to appoint a "Chief Alumnus" and charge him with the duty of enlisting the interest of our alumni in our work?

We offer the above suggestion as worthy of consideration prior to the Nashville Congress and trust that body will find a solution for what we believe a matter of no little consequence to us.



Elsewhere we have published a paper submitted in an examination conducted by the Kansas chapter. The paper was prepared by one of the freshmen of the chapter and is a most intelligent response to the several questions propounded.

We are printing this paper not only as an example of the work our splendid Kansas chapter is doing, but also for the purpose of inducing other chapters to do likewise. In the absence of a constitutional requirement for examination tests, each chapter

must necessarily regulate its own conduct in this respect. Many other fraternities by law require such tests and they are rigidly supervised by national and sectional officers. That we have not legislated for examinations does not indicate that they are unnecessary. Indeed, observation shows, beyond all cavil, the need for a good workable examination system.

Now and again we meet with young men who have little or no conception of the history, traditions, secret work, constitution and usages of Alpha Tau Omega. There is little excuse for ignorance concerning the laws and secret work, though it must be admitted that there is no good source from which the history and traditions may be learned. But an effort should be made to use all the means at command and each and every chapter should put into operation a system similar to that employed by Kansas whereby the neophyte may be taught at least the fundamentals of Alpha Tau Omega.



Legislative committees and college authorities have been rather busy during recent years investigating and otherwise abusing college fraternities. Undoubtedly, the college fraternities deserved all they received.

But would it not be well for college fraternities to get into the investigating business. Of course, the investigation of legislative committees might well be waived, for they have had pretty nearly a full dose these past several years.

But the college authorities should be compelled to answer a few questions. For instance, why not ask a few pertinent questions about this Carnegie Foundation? If there is one thing that has injured college fraternities more than this institution we should like to see it.

Andrew Carnegie, with ill-gotten wealth, has despoiled the small college. The small college has always been the very haven of refuge for fraternities. Most of the fraternities were founded at the smaller colleges and today the real forces that control and direct them are the alumni of such colleges. Yet, these same colleges are losing their prestige, their influence, their opportunities for usefulness, because Andrew Carnegie has restricted his bounty to undenominational schools.

Yet, the college presidents, the professors, the favored beneficiaries of this outrageous scheme to degrade the most efficient agencies of education in America, rise up and call blessed the name of Andrew Carnegie! What a fine example for the youth of America!

Having blessed Andrew Carnegie the same individuals are heard to prate about "false standards of manhood" and "creation of aristocracy" and similar flapdoodle concerning the college fraternities.

Why should not college fraternities—always effective instrumentalities for teaching ethical obligations—discover why a pile of wealth can be so employed in a democracy as to injure one of the very bulwarks of the republic,—the cause of education? And why it is that college authorities who see so much of wrong in the college fraternity system can see none in the Carnegie Foundation?

## The Greeks

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### FRATERNITY HOUSES.

More than nine million dollars is the value of the chapter houses of the Greek-letter fraternities in the colleges and universities of the United States. This huge amount of property is distributed among thirty-one of the thirty-six American college fraternities, having a total of 1,141 chapters. The number of houses owned is 513; their average value is \$18,070.

B Θ Π, Φ Δ Θ and Δ K E are the fraternities whose holdings reach the highest total value. These three own 124 chapter houses, the total value of which reaches the splendid figure of \$2,632,250.

Of these houses, B Θ Π owns forty-seven; Φ Δ Θ, forty-five, and Δ K E, thirty-two.

But while these fraternities are the richest so far as the grand total is concerned, there are other fraternities which, in proportion to their size and number of chapters, are a great deal richer than any of the above-named three.

Of all the fraternities, Δ Ψ, with only seven chapters, owns the finest houses. Six of its seven chapters own houses whose total value is \$245,500, or an average of \$40,916 per house.

K A (Northern) has only five chapters, but every one of them owns the house in which it lives. The five houses are worth \$143,500 or \$28,700 per house.

Apropos of this question the *Greek Exchange* prints some words of wisdom which we reprint herewith for the benefit of those unfortunate ones who do not receive this excellent magazine.

It is less fashionable than it once was for fraternities to boast of their latest and costliest chapter house. Indeed, when one of these elaborate piles is perpetrated, there are wise men among all the fraternities nowadays who shake their heads doubtfully and speak hesitatingly and apologetically.



We have heard of a chapter house at a big western institution costing (too) many dollars, at which the caller was received by a Japanese butler with card tray and all the flubdub and tomfoolery incidental to life as lived via the liveried menial. We have met those who believed the tale to be a lie—a bragging one emitted by the chapters of that fraternity over in the next state. But, we have steadily believed it a lie told by the hostile non-fraternity men. Lie or truth, there was too much house, and as the hostile ones could not know what went on inside its walls, its gorgeous exterior was, in any event, an inspiration to fertile imaginations. We really wonder why they draw it so mildly and stopped with the butting of the butler, with his knee breeches and card tray.

But there has been and is too much chapter house in the game. It had come a few years ago to appear as though the coat-of-arms of every fraternity must become some ornate variation of the dollar mark. The Moo Cows rushed up a house that was a little ahead of anything in that line at Siwash so far, and away ahead of any professor's house, and only beaten by the home of the local magnate. Then the Fly Delts anaesthetized their hitherto unregarded alumni and up went a "shack" (how they love to call it a "shack") that faded Moo Cow's and put the local magnate into the discard. Then next year the Alfalfa Delts—but why go on? Something rivaling the war budget of the German Empire can be the only logical solution of the last chapter in this row-of-bricks of rivalry.

The average college boy, no matter from what region of this country he comes, does not live at home in such surroundings as he finds himself in if he joins a fraternity in one of these institutions. With American adaptability he soon fits into the new environment. But when he does that he ceases to fit the paternal pocketbook and the ancestral home. He draws in with his breath a false idea of the true relation of himself to the life ahead of him, just at a time when he is finally crystallizing into the man he is to be.

How soon will there be a large enough element in the fraternity world to restore their undergraduate members to the old time democracy of college life? It is one of the things that must come. When? There is no need for a chapter house to be a boarding house and every reason why it should not be. Many a young man goes to college for four years and really never gets nearer the actual life of the college than the portal of his chapter house. From his surroundings he gets a wrong idea of college life from the very start, and never knows in other than the vaguest way of many of the finest things that go to make that life. Of its democracy he knows nothing at all, though he usually boasts much of it, from a cloudy sense of duty, we suppose.

Dartmouth and Amherst are on the right roads in one regard as it relates to the chapter house problem. At neither college do the fraternity men board at their houses, but join their fellows at the commons and so get some of the more intimate and domestic side of college life with the

general mass of the students. We do not feel any doubt that the exclusion of the boarding feature from chapter houses will be to advance the cause of democracy in college and anything that does that helps the fraternity.

Recent acquisitions as gathered from the respective magazines are as follows:

$\Sigma$  A E at Purdue, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Georgia, Northwestern, Chicago, Texas.

$\Phi$   $\Gamma$   $\Delta$  at Pennsylvania, William Jewell, Allegheny, Alabama, Virginia, Stanford.

A T  $\Omega$  at Stanford, Oregon, California, Missouri, Wisconsin, Simpson.

$\Phi$  K  $\Psi$  at Bucknell, Northwestern, Brown.

$\Sigma$  X at Miami, Michigan, Northwestern, Washington.

$\Delta$   $\Upsilon$  at Northwestern, Minnesota, Pennsylvania.

B  $\Theta$   $\Pi$  at DePauw, Rutgers, Colorado.



#### A "BOUND-IN-HONOR" OBLIGATION.

The following clipping from the *Record* of  $\Sigma$  A E needs no comment. We will all agree with the writer:

It is well to bear in mind that it is the sacred duty of every member of the fraternity to settle his indebtedness with the chapter and the local merchants before leaving college for the year. The number who are indifferent to this duty, unfortunately, is so great that we wish to urge every chapter treasurer to be vigilant in his duty of collection. It is well to realize, now, while in college, that credit is a valuable asset; but that credit is obtained only by meeting obligations promptly, and when due. There is no one obligation which is more important than that of paying for one's food and shelter. We can think of nothing more despicable than an individual who receives an allowance to pay for this necessity, but deliberately spends the allowance for other things and leaves the chapter bill unpaid. There may be condoning circumstances, but it requires an awful bit of brotherly love to let these delinquents go unheeded. We urge our chapters to deal with this problem according to business principles. Require the chapter obligations to be met or that good collateral security be given therefor. An ounce of preventative is better than a pound of curative. Avoid the pitfall of financial difficulty by co-operating and supporting the chapter treasurer in his efforts to collect and pay chapter debts.

## A WOMAN BROTHER.

Not to be outdone by B  $\Theta$   $\Pi$ , which reported a short time ago that in the early days two women were initiated into the Wabash chapter,  $\Sigma$  A E, under the above caption, prints a letter from J. D. Allen, Ky. Chi, '82, in which the following appears:

Much history of this chapter, in connection with the history of the order, has been written, but I doubt if any member of the fraternity, outside of this chapter, and not all of them, is aware of the fact that a woman is a full fledged member of  $\Sigma$  A E, in possession of the secret work, signs, symbols and grips, which are jealously guarded "upon the sacred honor" of all members.

It came about in this wise: Miss Lucy Patty, a bright, cultured and vivacious young lady of the neighborhood, was a popular "college widow." When war's alarms were sounded in 1861 the Cadets, all southern boys, promptly responded to the call of their respective states, and the school was closed. The preservation of the records of  $\Sigma$  A E was a serious problem, which was solved by gaining Miss Patty's consent to take charge of them.

When the war cloud was lifted and the institute was reopened, a few  $\Sigma$  A E's returned, and Miss Patty delivered the records intact, with seal unimpaired. The boys in gratitude and to show their high appreciation and confidence in her integrity, formally elected her as the first and only woman member of the fraternity. She did not attend the regular meetings of the chapters, but she has ever been cherished as a "Sister" by the  $\Sigma$  A E's of Kentucky Chi.



## "THE FRAT BUSTING FRAT."

Under the above heading the New York *Times* printed on Sunday, October 19, 1913, an interesting expose or apology for a fairly new movement in collegiate circles. This is the Federation of Commons Clubs. Among other things we learn that Mr. Harry W. Laidler is the "organizer of the college frat that fights the snobs"; that a convention of the national federation represented by delegates from eighteen institutions was held at Tufts College, Medford, Mass., February 21, 1913; and that the "origin of the anti-snobbery movement" was among a group of young men, of whom Frank W. Nicolson, Secretary of the Wesleyan University Faculty, is the leader.

Here are the ideals of the new League of Commons Clubs as officially propounded upon the suggestion of a member of the Faculty of Syracuse University:

"1. Democracy—This means equal opportunities, responsibilities and rights. It means the co-operation of all through the will of the majority for the welfare of every student.



"2. Scholarship—The club aims to set a standard for thorough, liberal and sound scholastic attainment. It aims to permeate the entire student body with its ideals and to seek in every way to realize them.

"3. Manhood—The club holds up a high, clean, cultured manhood and endeavors to realize such a type in its own membership, and thus by example to induce others to emulate it.

"4. Loyalty—The club seeks by word and deed to give serious support to the President, the Alumni and the Faculty in promoting causes to make the university more useful to the community and to the undergraduates.

"5. Service—The Commons Club must never be allowed to degenerate into a clique to compel special political privileges for its own membership or to defeat the fraternities in college politics. As a representative of the sovereign will of the majority it must consistently seek to obtain the best things in college life for all students collectively and for each student individually."

The league, it should be known, was copied after a phase of the fraternity life it was organized to supplant. For every fraternity man has been keenly interested, of course, in his fraternity conventions and the long list of chapters, where, his fraternity magazine informs him, he can meet fellows after his own heart. So the league springs up to perform just this function, to publish a magazine, to hold conventions, to bring together in one continuous chain the men who are willing to mix companionship with ideals of democracy in all of the colleges. There are, what do they call them, something corresponding to chapters, at Wesleyan, Tufts, Union, Syracuse and many other institutions. Mr. Laidler has recently visited, according to the *Times*, most of the colleges east of the Missouri River. He insists that response to the movement "will be as broad as the college world itself, and that within a year or two a national convention of the Commons Clubs League will bring together more men of national standing than any fraternity convention that can now be assembled."

Be this as it may, we read in that same article above mentioned, that already the Wesleyan Commons Club is in the center of a storm, which rages about it. It has thrown down the gauntlet to fraternities by passing as one of its most rigid requirements a rule that no freshman, after once joining the club, should thereafter, without breaking his oaths and obligations, be eligible to join any fraternity. The founders had some ideals which did not survive the fire of practical freshman experience. There was going to be none of that absurdity connected with elaborate initiations, secret pass words, grips and "frat pins." But the young men have inaugurated ceremonies. The young men, once initiated, yearn for pins and grips and pass words. "Were these things undemocratic?" they ask.

Here are a few of the best known slogans of the Commons Clubs that have become current at Union and even at Syracuse:



"The essential thing is purse, not personality in a frat.

"In a frat they pickle your ideals in alcohol, and ideals won't keep well that way.

"A snob is America's unpardonable sin—watch the fraternity freshman.

"Rub shoulders with the crowd; it takes the bad corners off.

"Why vegetate in a Mutual Admiration Society? Join the Commons Club and be really a college man.

"Correctly pressed pants take many a freshman into a fraternity; it takes real character and capacity to work to make the Commons Club.

"He joined a frat and didn't have the price; it was just one more college tragedy, and at Christmas time he left."

As a conclusion to this matter may we quote some paragraphs from the Report of the Committee on Anti-Fraternity Legislation to the 1913 Inter-Fraternity Conference. This was prepared by Mr. George Banta,  $\Phi \Delta \theta$ ; Mr. John L. Kind,  $\Delta T \Delta$ , and Mr. W. J. Sears,  $\Sigma N$ , men of long fraternity and collegiate experience.

In passing we should note the fact that the opposition of late has operated apparently everywhere, except at possibly Emory College and Wooster University, through organizations of non-fraternity men calling themselves Commons Clubs. In the West these clubs seem to have been entirely independent of each other in the institutions where they operated so far as their organizations were concerned, but while they remained unaffiliated with each other as to organization, they yet conferred with each other during the legislative session, giving each other information from time to time and encouraging each other by enthusiastic stories of what they believed themselves to be accomplishing. We find that not only did these Commons Clubs exist in the institutions particularly involved in the attempts at legislation against us, but they also existed in institutions where the opposition did not culminate in overt efforts at legislation. In this latter class we may cite the Commons Club of Denver University as an example.

In the East, judging from information at hand, the Commons Club appeared to be an entirely different thing, although they propose the same opposition to fraternities.

The humorous side of this eastern commons organization lies in the fact that already the natural human instinct for the combining of friends and for organization has resulted in secret meetings at which no fraternity man is admitted, in initiation ceremonies and other features of the despised fraternity systems. It is very easy for the fraternity man who has any grip at all upon the history of American fraternities to prophesy the final outcome of this organization, if it survives at all.—*The Signet of  $\Phi \Sigma K$ .*

Bearing on this situation we find the following paragraphs in *Banta's Greek Exchange*:

The editor of the *Daily Cardinal* of the University of Wisconsin is a rabid Commoner and very active in his opposition to fraternities. Unconsciously in a recent editorial, he gave the fraternities the biggest boost imaginable.

There has been some discussion at Wisconsin over the adoption of a custom to exclude freshmen from the saloons of Madison. The editorial writer of the *Cardinal* in support of this measure, said that *there was no reason why it shouldn't and couldn't be done; hadn't the fraternities kept their freshmen out of saloons for years?*

In other words, the man has added weight to our argument that the fraternity can be, and is, a tool for the exercise of discipline. We can also see an argument here in favor of freshman pledging.



### THE FRATERNITY PARASITE.

A parasite is an organism living on or within another organism and drawing its sustenance at the latter's expense. The parasite's effect on its host is very disastrous. The hookworm is a good example. Its effect upon the human body is marked by a failure of nutrition, excessive pallor, severe anaemia, extreme apathy and lack of energy, a remarkable retardation of growth, and not infrequently, death.

We see that the hookworm parasite causes a gradual but general deterioration of the human organism. In the same way does the fraternity parasite affect the fraternity. In fact, the fraternity parasite is even a more serious menace to the health and growth of a fraternity than is the hookworm parasite to the health and growth of the individual. For while they both cause the same train of symptoms under development, stunted growth and "widespread degeneration," still, we have a specific for the hookworm parasite, while we have none for the fraternity parasite.

Here are a few of the prominent characteristics of the "fraternity hookworm"—the organism which strikes at the very roots of the fraternity and saps its life out of it:

Poor scholarship.

Snobbishness.

Failure to attend chapter meetings.

Absence of fraternity spirit in the daily association with his brothers.

Gives nothing in time nor service for the good of the fraternity.

Does not pay his dues, but has money to spend on beer, cards, pool and other forms of dissipation.

Will make no personal sacrifice to meet obligations which he, under oath, and of his own volition, assumes.

General indifference to fraternity interests.

Forgets that he owes it to himself and to his fraternity to hold fast to his personal honor and his self-respect.

It is evident then, that no fraternity suffering from the effects of parasites can grow and measure up to its greatest opportunities.

The widespread infection with this fraternity parasite is causing general and serious alarm among all fraternities—and so it should, for every fraternity is infected—some more and some less, and all are asking for relief. They want to purge themselves of this organism of decay and degeneration.

The sooner we apply some universal form of radical treatment the better.

The chapters, owing to close competition, have been too indiscriminate in the selection of men, and the officials have been too lenient in their dealings with these human parasites. Let us get rid of them—or we perish.—*The Cerebrum of Π M.*



### SORORITY MOTTOES.

It is interesting to note the open mottoes of some of the general sororities. Their general tone indicates an idealism which sorority girls strive to uphold to a greater degree than fraternity men do their mottoes. We are indebted to the *Angelos* of K Δ for the following interesting clipping:

If we compare the fifteen mottoes of literary sororities, they divide themselves naturally into two groups: those emphasizing loyalty as the ruling passion, and those which suggest the desire for marked betterment of self or of others.

Among those illustrating the "loyalty" theme we find Δ Δ Δ declaring "Let us steadfastly love one another," while Α Δ Π maintains "We live for each other," Φ M calls herself "Les soeurs fideles," and Α Φ chooses "Hand in Hand" to symbolize her spirit. Α Σ Α follows the slogan, "To one another ever faithful," and Α Χ Ω beautifully combines the ideals of loyalty and right ambition in "Together let us seek the heights."

Of those which remain, some emphasize persistent self betterment: Α Κ Ψ in "Ever upwards," Χ Ω in Hellenic culture and Christian ideals," and Ζ Τ Α in "Seek the noblest."

The motto of Φ Μ Γ, "Know thyself," and that of Π Κ Α, *non progredi est retrogredi*, develop the same theme with slightly different accent. Β Σ Ο states an unselfish motive in "We live to do good." Σ Κ in "One heart, one way" suggests both loyalty and service, while Γ Φ Β in "Founded on a rock" proclaims the ultimate triumph of right principles.



## A SOUND COLLEGE PLATFORM.

It has taken a writer in the *Shield* of  $\Theta \Delta X$  to put concisely before its readers a platform for your college career. It is one of the best articles we have ever seen and we are grateful for the privilege of printing it for the readers of the PALM.

Take the advice of those to whom the fraternity has meant most in their lives, and they will with one accord tell you that you are going to get out of the fraternity just in the exact ratio in which you put into the fraternity. If you do nothing for it, undoubtedly it will mean but little to you. If you work for its welfare and make sacrifices for its good you may rest assured that it will repay you many fold. There is a great lesson for you to learn in this world, if you have not already learned it, that everything we receive must be paid for and often the pay has to be forthcoming before we receive any return. Such may even be true of friendships.

Furthermore, bear in mind that you were sent to college to secure a college education. That is your first and foremost object in being where you are. At the same time, a college education comes not alone from books, but along with the books must be a liberal admixture of other things. An educated weakling is not as useful as an educated specimen of healthy manhood. Be the all-round college man rather than the over-developed athlete, student, speaker or society sport. It takes some of each of these qualities to make the ideal man, but it is hardly necessary to have all or any one of them.

In building the platform for your college career, look over the following suggestions for material for planks and you may find some good timber:

1. In almost every case your college expenses are being paid by your parents. You owe it to them to try to please them first of all.
2. Make up your mind right now that you will complete your course for a degree; half an education is but little more useful than half a coat.
3. The members of the faculty want to be your friends if you will let them; try it, for it will pay you.
4. Don't make the mistake of thinking you know more than the upper classmen; may be when you have been at college as long as they have you will know as much as they now know.
5. Because you have become a member of a Greek-letter fraternity has not *ipso facto* made you a superior creature. Bear this in mind in your intercourse with non-fraternity men.
6. Take as many of the language courses as you care to take, but omit the "bad language" course. You may think it sounds big, but in fact it indicates how small you are.
7. When the temptation to drink comes to you, remember the fraternity has many needs that your money could help to supply.



8. If you are tempted to gamble, try to count up the prominent men of your home town who got their starts in life by gambling. You will not get tired counting.

9. Whenever temptation to do any wrong confronts you, look at the shield you wear. Your acts reflect on it for good or evil.

10. Remember, you are not merely a Theta Delt for today or for your college career—you are a Theta Delt for life.



### A RELIGIOUS FRATERNITY.

The following clipping contains a clipping and is taken from *Banta's Greek Exchange*:

We suppose the gentlemen who are so fiercely attacking the fraternities in the Ohio legislature will charge Chorister Rodeheaver of Billy Sunday's evangelistic company with stealing the livery of the devil to serve Heaven in. It will be interesting to observe how far Mr. Rodeheaver can make his plan "stick." We quote from a recent Columbus, Ohio, newspaper:

"What is believed to be a new method of overcoming the strength of school fraternities soon will be introduced in Columbus and nearly all counties in Ohio, in the installation of chapters of the *K Σ Π*, an organization founded on Christian principles.

"Homer Rodeheaver, chorister of the Sunday evangelistic party, who conducted the services for young men of Columbus high schools at Central Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon, announced a chapter of the *K Σ Π* would be instituted here in a short time. Membership in the fraternity is not confined to young men in the high schools, but any young man of good character is eligible.

"Mr. Rodeheaver, in an interview, said the *K Σ Π* would be an effective weapon in the fight against school fraternities, in that it would afford young men a strong social organization of Christian character.

"The chief object is to build character in young men and to fit them for a good and active life. Bible study is one of the principal features. The *K Σ Π* has had a rapid growth in the United States and it has proved a source of good work, according to Mr. Rodeheaver, who said chapters would be installed in nearly all Ohio counties."



### ROUGH-HOUSE INITIATIONS SCORED.

We welcome the opportunity of presenting a plea for more dignified initiations by Mr. John L. Kind, National Treasurer of *Δ T Δ*. We trust that his is the Alpha Tau idea.

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." Who is not familiar with this epistle of the great Apostle? It seems to me that it is applicable nowhere with greater propriety than in regard to the so-called "rough-house" initiation.

Unfortunately, the foundation of college secret societies, being akin to and imitating the secret society movement in the outside world, was reared upon the bad as well as the good practices of those orders. Mock initiations and "horse play," carried on for the amusement of the spectators, and perchance to test the nerve of the neophyte, were an old, well-established tradition. As the elders whistle, thus the youngsters pipe. College boys have always indulged in pranks. Hazing of the "frosh" has been a favorite amusement. Hazing of "frosh" pledges was in keeping with college traditions and the secret societies of our fathers. The tendency in the development of the large university and the up-to-date small college has been to eliminate hazing of all sorts, and, where not entirely eliminated, to restrict it to the more gentlemanly, least harmful pranks. This tendency can be seen among college fraternities also, but there is still much room for improvement.

Today the conservative and advanced consign to the high school "frat" the privilege of indulging in childish "horse play" in initiation ceremonies and rather expect members of college fraternities to be men and to put away childish things.

Let us ask this question: Is it manly to subject a candidate to bodily injury and torture, to humiliate him before his companions, to expose his person in a shameful, disgusting, disgraceful manner? If we care to answer in one word we must say, "NO." Then why not drop the custom entirely? You answer, "Tradition." Bah, I say, traditions only too easily become superstitions, and superstitions are frowned upon and rejected by the wise. Let us not be misled by mistaken outgrown traditions!

You say it is necessary to show the "frosh" their place; it is necessary to discipline them, to take the freshness out of them, to make good fraternity men out of them. But is there not some other way in which they can be seriously taught that they are freshmen, that they have their place as freshmen, their duties, yes, and their privileges? Not every freshman is a FRESHman. Some at least are good boys, anxious, eager to remain in their places as freshmen, to work, to serve and to develop. I have seen only too many instances where a fresh freshman has been put through his "course of sprouts," has been humiliated before initiation, has been beaten and scourged, without making a better fraternity man for all that and without learning to know his place any better for all that and all that. Very often also the initial beating and humiliation is the last real attempt at discipline, and what was intended as a serious lesson becomes a joke in the memory of the beaten and humiliated. Often the discipli-

narians are in greater need of chastisement for freshness than their victims. They discipline, not because they have any moral right to do so, but simply because they have been victims and now have their turn.

Further, this "manly" test requires a false show of manhood. Poor, tortured wretches grit their teeth and endure indignities for fear of showing the "yellow"; whereas real manhood would prompt them to resent the shameful treatment to which they are being subjected and to teach their torturers that real manhood will not endure unmanly indignities. If a man's physical condition will not endure the severe test and he winces, he "shows the yellow," he is placed in a false light, he is looked upon as a weakling; and months, even years of sterling manhood in service, may be necessary to eradicate the impression of the torture hour and to reveal to the older brothers, the inquisition appliers, that the young fellow is really a man of high order.

For the sake of manhood, for the sake of the serious lessons to be taught by the college fraternity, let us put away these childish things, let us be men always, even in our treatment of the poor, helpless neophyte seeking the shrine of manhood in the college fraternity. Let us impress our own manhood and dignity upon him, so that he may learn by following the example set by the older brothers, and not by forcing himself to forget the misdemeanors of those who ought to know better.

And others' thoughts run in the same direction:

Horseplay is one of the things that fraternities should be outgrowing, and some chapters, we are glad to say, have completely relinquished their affection for it, and we hope that in the early future many more will see the folly of their ways, and relegate this obnoxious custom to the "land of memories." *The Caduceus of K Σ*, in the language below, shows what may result from the adherence to what, in these modern days, is clearly an adjunct of our high school imitators:

"Horseplay may result in some very serious accidents, as has been proven lately by a fraternal lodge of Birmingham, Ala., four members of which are at present under indictment of the grand jury for manslaughter.

"The facts were, two of a bunch of initiates who were being put through in the local lodge, died as a result of the old 'branding process.' The men were allowed to see the branding iron being heated, and were then blindfolded, an iron band was placed around the ankle, and they were struck upon the breast with a rubber stamp, at the same time they were touched upon some part of the body with a wire which completed the electric circuit with the band around the ankle. The sensation of being burned was almost perfect, and the joke a good one. However, something went wrong and the two men died a few minutes afterward. The coroner's jury had a hard time deciding whether death was caused by electric shock, heart failure, or whether a brick wall fell on them, but finally brought in a verdict of manslaughter."—*Journal of Σ Φ Ε*.



## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

K A Θ at Illinois gives annually a house party to the mothers of the chapter members.

A E Δ will begin to publish, in addition to its general periodical, a secret publication which will appear semi-annually.

X Ω issued the first secret sorority magazine, its *Mystagogue* appearing in 1905.

A X Ω recently adopted the rule that initiation of freshmen and sophomores must be deferred until an average of 80 per cent. has been attained for the full course carried the semester before initiation.

The list of Ø B K members who became Presidents is as follows: John Quincy Adams, Harvard, 1787; Franklin Pierce, Bowdoin, '24; James A. Garfield, Williams, '56; Chester A. Arthur, Union, '48; Theodore Roosevelt, Harvard, '80; and William H. Taft, Yale, '78.—Ø B K *Key*.

The Pan-Hellenic Association of Ohio State University has decided that in the future fraternities belonging to the association will bar all members of high school fraternities who have joined these fraternities since the laws of Ohio made them illegal.

K Δ has joined the courageous pioneers; *The Angelos* announces among its "Real Results of the Eleventh Convention":

"Students who join high school fraternities after September 1, 1915, will not be eligible to membership in the K Δ Sorority."

A militant non-fraternity union has been formed at the University of Denver and the *Denver News* says that the union is going to adopt strenuous methods. The promoters announce that they will "expurgate" fraternities from the school.—Σ X *Quarterly*.

The fraternities at colleges where there are no other chapters are: A T Ø at Muhlenberg (Pa.) and Simpson (Iowa); Σ A E at St. Stephen's (N. Y.) and Millikin (Ill.); K A (Southern) at Centenary (La.) and Drury (Mo.); Σ N at Stetson (Fla.) and Cornell (Iowa); K Σ at Lake Forest (Ill.); Σ X at Southern California and Ø X at Rhode Island State.—*Scroll of Ø Δ Ø*.

Acacia, the Masonic college fraternity, is beset by protracted and excited debates over a proposal to prohibit the initiation of men who are members of other fraternities. This rule would operate, of course, to



remove Acacia gradually from her earlier position as an inter-fraternity society and to render her a legitimate sister of the regular Greek-letter fraternities. At the last convention of Acacia, the proposal was negatived by a close vote.—*A X P Garnet and White*.

The sororities are constantly doing something to astonish us. Here is the November issue of the *Δ Δ Δ Trident* with 181 pages—183 with advertisements; and the November *Lyre of A X Ω*, with 167 pages, plus 8 illustrated inserts, 21 pages of advertisements and 3 pages of index. Be it remembered that *Δ Δ Δ* is only 28 years old and *A X Ω* only 25. Each of these publications is a quarterly, but how the sororities raise enough money to issue such bulky magazines is a mystery. And how the *Lyre* manages to get all those ads is something that no editor of a fraternity journal can begin to understand.—*Scroll of Φ Δ Θ*.

It is a singular test of a person to put him in office. How he responds to his responsibility is a sure test of his mental attitude toward his own function in life, and a test of his habits. An office is an honor, and an opportunity—yes; but because it is those two things it is a keen test. Are you an office holder in any organization? How is the test coming on? Do you show devotion to the cause, generosity of effort, care and intelligence in planning, absolute promptness and trustworthiness? Are you considerate? Are you appreciative? Do you know what you are about, better than any one else knows?—*Lyre of A X Ω*.

At the University of California the football team has the use of one of the fraternity houses during the last month of training preceding the Stanford game. The fraternities unite in making this possible, as the men who vacate one house are cared for among the others. This past season the *Σ X* house was the one used.

A somewhat similar arrangement among the fraternities exists at the University of Oklahoma where the use of a chapter house is turned over to *Φ Δ Φ* during the noon hour twice a month, and the men who thus surrender their home are cared for at the midday meal by other fraternities.—*Record of Σ A E*.

Editor Sutton, of *The Caduceus*, thus straightens out an error of long standing with regard to the date of birth of *K Σ*:

It is stated here and by authority that the *K Σ* Fraternity does not claim its organization at the University of Virginia as of 1867, but 1869. There has unfortunately and for some reason unknown to the writer, been several references in early publications to 1867 as the date. College annuals have several times given this date. A former jeweler put a *K Σ* shield upon the market with this incorrect date, and we understand has refused to change it, stating the date had official sanction. Such was never the case.

The true calibre of a fraternity is nowhere more plainly shown than during the rushing season, when "Greek meets Greek." Fair and square competition for pledges has in it the fascinating element of chance that most of us enjoy, yet how unpleasant the rushing season becomes if that competition lacks true sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship is very clearly demonstrated in the taking of defeat and victory. Success is often a better test of character than failure, and the fraternity that flaunts its victories before its less fortunate Greeks shows miserable spirit; while to accept success gracefully and to admit honest defeat frankly, with malice toward none, is to be truly sportsman-like.—*A Ø Quarterly*.

The four sororities at Iowa State College have taken a definite stand against high school sororities. At a recent meeting of the local Pan-Hellenic Association the following resolution was acted upon and passed unanimously:

RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned, in accordance with the laws of Iowa and the rulings of the local board of education, pledge ourselves not to issue invitations for membership to any one affiliating herself in any way with a high school club or sorority in Ames, after September 22, 1913, or to any one who has not withdrawn herself from such club or sorority before October 7, 1913, or to any one who shall be initiated into any secondary school sorority after graduation from a high school in Ames.

(Signed) Alumnae and Active Chapters of

ALPHA DELTA PI,  
DELTA DELTA DELTA,  
KAPPA DELTA,  
PI BETA PHI.

The fraternity is now committed to the wise and salutary policy of ordering its conventions during the Christmas holidays. A convention at San Francisco would have to be held in the summer during the life of the Exposition. The experience of the order has already proved that the time of the convention as now established causes a larger attendance, yields more constructive results, more effectively promotes the welfare of the order and from every viewpoint is decidedly more successful than the summer gathering. Our experience in this respect has been that of other fraternities, almost all of which have adopted the merry Yuletide for marshalling their hosts in the parliaments of Greekdom.—*From Convention Report of K A (S)*.

In April, 1913, the Grand Council of *K A Ø* were informed that there was a *K A Ø* sorority existing at the Southern Seminary, Buena Vista, Va. No satisfactory explanation of the situation was obtained until February, 1914, when the founder of the Southern Seminary Club was interviewed. The statement she gave was that the sorority was founded

at Madison Hall Seminary, Washington, D. C., in 1910. Its badge was modeled from a  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  pin. In 1911 a member of this club transferred to the Southern Seminary where she began a chapter, which now has twenty-five members. The founders at the time of organization knew nothing of  $K \Lambda \theta$  and had never seen a badge. The founder of the second chapter is now working to right the trouble she made and has changed the name to  $K \Lambda O$  and agrees to change the letter on all its badges.— $K \Lambda \theta$ .

Gamma chapter of  $ON$  was installed at Iowa State College, April 28, 1913.  $ON$  is the only national honorary fraternity for women in the country and was established at Michigan Agricultural College, April 16, 1912.

The name of this fraternity is taken from the Greek, meaning "to manage a household," and the object is to further home economics and scholarship among students. The basis of the constitution is the same as those of  $\Sigma E$  and  $\Phi B K$ .

The need of such a society is evident from the rapidity with which it is being accepted. Scholarship and high standing in home economics work demand recognition as well as in the arts and sciences.

The members are chosen from the senior class in the fall term and from the junior class in the spring. The number of eligible members is limited by the size of the two classes.

Requirements for membership are good scholarship, personality, initiative and executive ability and capability along the line of home economics.—*Angelos of K \Lambda*.

The financial system of  $\Delta \Gamma$  is fully explained by the treasurer of the fraternity in the  $\Delta \Gamma$  *Quarterly*. The "initiate tax" of \$2 flat is paid once by each initiate, for which he receives the *Quarterly* during the first two years after he leaves college. The "equalization tax" is paid by each active member each year. It amounts to \$4 per capita, but if paid within thirty days a discount of 20 per cent. is allowed, reducing amount to \$3.20. This tax supports the fund out of which are paid the railroad and Pullman fares of the two delegates from each chapter (a senior and a junior delegate) to each annual national convention. All of the other expenses of the fraternity's administration are paid out of the fund created by the "chapter tax," paid by each active member each year. It amounts to \$6, but if paid within thirty days a discount of 20 per cent. is allowed, reducing the amount to \$4.80. The "equalization tax" and the "chapter tax" are assessed in January "to strike a fair average of the membership for the year at a period between the fall and spring initiations."—*Scroll of \Phi \Delta \theta*.

It is reported from the University of Wisconsin that the junior prom regularly given between semesters in the spring was a



financial failure, due largely to the fact that house parties among the fraternities were prohibited.

In a general student election it was voted to abolish house parties for all time to come, and also to retain the present system of student self-government.

The results of the two elections show how strongly organized the anti-fraternity element is.

When is a chapter weak? What constitutes a weak chapter? It is wholly possible for a chapter to have a large membership, to have captains, managers and prize winners on its rolls, to have an expensive house and many distinguished graduates, and yet be a weak chapter. On the other hand, it is possible for a chapter to have a small membership, no undergraduate leaders, an inexpensive house and no famous alumni, and yet be a strong chapter. For the strength of a fraternity group lies most of all in the spirit of brotherhood that prevails among its members. Where there is the fellowship of loyal hearts and kindred interests there is the only kind of strength that makes fraternity life worth while. Where there is dissention, snobbishness, uncharitableness, nagging, uncongenial tastes or the display of any unbrotherly qualities there is the weakness that makes any chapter an injury to its college, and a reproach to its fraternity.—*Δ K E Quarterly*.

The University of Michigan chapter of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  has an official "sanitarian," the office resulting from a typhoid fever outbreak in 1911. The scope of this modern job, its method of operation and results, are set out in *The Scroll* in part as follows:

The plan of having a chapter sanitarian now has been in effect two years with very satisfactory results; hence, we write this article that other chapters or other fraternities may adopt this plan to their benefit. For a while the office was lightly considered, but its value has been demonstrated, and now all minor ills like headache, gastro-intestinal disturbance, cuts, etc., are reported directly to the sanitarian for observation, advice and treatment, if possible. The use of common drinking cups and the borrowing of towels has been stopped. The sanitary condition of the entire estate, including the rooms of the men not living in the chapter house, is observed at irregular intervals, and the report read in meeting with free credit or censure. The health of the members has never been better because the complications of minor ills are avoided, and this we believe contributed to the scholarship of the men which placed  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  at the head of the scholarship list of the men's Greek-letter fraternities published by the faculty.

$\Phi \Delta \Phi$  convened at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, December 27-28, 1913. Mr. Katzenberger resigned as cataloguer and the



matter of a new catalog was referred to the council with power to act. The constitution was amended to create an endowment fund which was started off with an appropriation of \$3,500 from the fraternity's surplus. The purpose of the fund is to lend money to the chapters for the purchase of law libraries, etc. It was suggested that the fraternity publication be sent to all the ten thousand alumni at the cost of the fraternity. This suggestion was referred to the council with power to act. The council has taken the matter up with the postal authorities to see what can be done without forfeiting the second-class mail privileges of the magazine. Pomeroy chapter which had existed for many years at Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, and at Berkeley across the bay, was divided by its own request into two chapters. The new ritual which had been experimented with and perfected during six years past, was adopted.

Δ Υ has recently adopted a standard badge. An announcement of the fact appears in the January *Quarterly*. How many licensed jewelers there are is not stated. The following is quoted from the announcement:

By action of convention, each initiate must be supplied by the chapter upon initiation with a plain gold No. 2 size standard badge. The convention has also directed that these badges be supplied only through the executive council. . . . The combined purchasing power of all the chapters, through the executive council, has made it possible to furnish, at \$4 each, a badge exactly similar to those previously sold at retail for \$6.

The coat-of-arms, being copyrighted, is not to be used by any manufacturer without a license. This may be obtained after the insignia committee has approved the use that is desired. . . . Dies for small engraved cuts of the coat-of-arms on stationery, dance orders, etc., are made under license by a number of stationers.

Since the last report the Inter-Fraternity Council has decided upon a set of rules for rushing. Nearly every fraternity man in college has given his word to the council, through the representative of his chapter, to live up to the spirit of the rules. Rushing will commence on the first Saturday of May and will last for two weeks. An interesting feature of this year's rushing period is that all dates for the first week will be made through written invitations and answers.

The Inter-Fraternity Council has taken the initiative in an attempt to improve the scholarship of fraternity men on the whole. A scholar-

ship cup is to be awarded to the fraternity with the highest average at the end of each year. The general average for fraternities last semester was eighty-two. The council offered the resolution that no fraternity man whose average was below eighty could take meals or room at the fraternity house. This resolution was rejected by the fraternities individually.

Another decision of the council is that on Wednesdays each fraternity shall send three of its members to take dinner with another fraternity, while that fraternity sends three of its members in exchange. In that way each fraternity in college will entertain men from all the other fraternities.—*Wisconsin chapter letter in Beta Theta Pi.*

What was formerly Manhattan chapter of the  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  Fraternity—the City College chapter—is now a local fraternity,  $\Delta A$ , a club of college men completely disassociated from the national fraternity with which it was once affiliated.

When  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  revoked last June the charter of its Manhattan chapter on the ground of ultra Jewish influence the Manhattan chapter ceased to exist as a member of the national body. But the action of the fraternity at large, based on race prejudice, as was alleged, aroused so much resentment that the alumni in this city of the Manhattan chapter determined to keep an organization going at the City College so that the identity of the local chapter would not be lost utterly.

The \$16,000 clubhouse at 467 West 143d Street will continue to be the home of the members, since it was bought largely by the gifts of alumni who are in sympathy with the purpose and aims of the new local fraternity.

In organizing as a local fraternity the former  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  men had the sympathy and support of Dr. John H. Finley, president of City College. Doctor Finley is a Princeton man and was able to advise the young men as to methods used at Princeton for organizing clubs.

Alumni of the  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$  said yesterday that the fourteen young men who belonged formerly to the Manhattan chapter of the national fraternity and who are now members of  $\Delta A$  are still individually members of the national fraternity. They did not lose their individual membership when the charter was abrogated. But the men they initiate into the local fraternity will not be recognized by  $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ .—*New York Times.*

H. L. BLANKENBURG.

## The Alumni

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### VITAL STATISTICS.

#### BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gray (Adrian) a son, July 25, 1914, at Woodsfield, Ohio.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Kitts (California) a son, James Waldo, July 27, 1914, at Ancon, Canal Zone.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Janvier (Tulane) a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leverich (Tulane) a son.

#### ENGAGEMENTS.

S. Austin Pope (Cornell) and Miss Ada P. Bruce, of Oak Park, Illinois.

Robert M. Walmsley (Georgia Tech) and Miss Dorothy Jackson.

Joseph Williams (Pennsylvania) and Miss Mary Miller, of 4609 Springfield Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Arthur J. Laidlaw (St. Lawrence) and Miss Marjorie McNish.

O. W. Buschgen (Southwestern Presbyterian) and Miss Ruth Higman Wise, of Portland, Arkansas.

Watts K. Leverich (Tulane) and Miss Mary Campbell.

#### MARRIAGES.

Raymond H. Bailey (Colorado) and Miss Letha Smirl, at Rocky Ford, Colorado, August 10, 1914.

Warner D. Bailey (Colorado) and Miss Isabel MacLean, at Denver, Colorado, August 26, 1914.

Eugene M. Brewster (Colorado) and Miss Juanita Richards, at Denver, Colorado, July 29, 1914.

John T. Barbrick (Colorado) and Miss Leanora Calkins, at Denver, Colorado, February 14, 1914.

Hamlet J. Barry (Emory) and Miss Helen Knox Knowles, June 20, 1914.

W. O. Nicklas (Gettysburg) and Miss Cora Monath, June 10, 1914.

William E. Keeney (Iowa State) and Miss Josephine Ritchie, at Aberdeen, South Dakota, June 30, 1914.

Rev. Arthur Marsh (Nebraska) and Miss Nancy Payne, at Washington, District of Columbia, July 15, 1914.

J. Paul Thompson (Ohio Wesleyan) and Miss Georgella Ikirt, at East Liverpool, Ohio, June 17, 1914.

Aubrey David (St. Lawrence) and Miss Ruth Farmer.

Donald A. Maginnas (Tulane) and Miss Ruth Hobson, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

C. B. Maginnas (Tulane) and Miss Kilpatrick, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Harry M. Sanders (Tulane) and Miss Mary Mounger, at Natchez, Mississippi.

Wilbur Neil Burkhardt (Wisconsin) and Miss Irene Catherine Wilson, at Des Moines, Iowa, June 16, 1914.

Wilbur A. Hitchcock (Wyoming) and Miss Gladys E. Corthell, at Laramie, Wyoming, June 30, 1914.

Lawrence V. Simmons (Wyoming) and Miss Morris, at Laramie, Wyoming, June 30, 1914.

Samuel F. Baker and Miss Irene Sterling Neil, at Kansas City, Missouri, May 13, 1914.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

S. Boteler Thompson (Auburn) from 5914 De Giverville Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, to 701 Twigg Street, Tampa, Florida.

H. F. Ford (Hillsdale) from Mitchell, South Dakota, to Hillsdale, Michigan.

O. C. Wehrstedt (Illinois) from 2603 Sheridan Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, to Winnetka, Illinois.

W. E. Keeney (Iowa State) from Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Box 848, Seattle, Washington.



Harold G. Jenks (M. I. T.) from care of Twinn State Gas and Electric Company, Hoosick Falls, New York, to care of D. S. Perley, Ipswitch, Massachusetts.

James T. B. Bowles (Michigan) from care of Municipal Engineer Department, Republic of Panama, Cristobal, Canal Zone, to care of Director of Public Health, United States Army, Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Alfred I. Mellenthin (Minnesota) from Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, to 722 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Heron A. Fountain (Missouri) from Denver, Colorado, to care of Toledo Light and Railway Company, Toledo, Ohio.

G. E. Allott (Mt. Union) from 2580 South Union Street to 513 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio.

Lacy L. Little (North Carolina) from 517 W. Market Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, to Mangum, North Carolina.

L. P. Bailey (Pennsylvania) from care of Bureau of Lands, Manila, Lucend, Tayabas, Philippine Islands, to care of Manila Railroad Company, Manila, Legaspi, Albay, Philippine Islands.

Harry L. Bowman (Penn State) from 112 St. Botolph Street, Boston, Massachusetts, to 825 East Cheltenham Avenue, Germantown, Pennsylvania.

H. C. Stehr (Purdue), care of Denver Gas and Electric Company, Colorado.

C. B. Olds (St. Lawrence) from Canton, New York, to Gouverneur, New York.

O. W. Buschgen (Southwestern Presbyterian) from Clarksville, Tennessee, to 411 North Oakley Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

John M. Montgomery (Tulane) from Memphis, Tennessee, to 2520 Prytania Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Charles Armstrong (Tulane) from Paris, France, to 1213 Marengo Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Joseph R. McFarland (Washington and Jefferson) from 31 North State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, to care of Sullivan Machinery Company, 30 Church Street, New York City, New York.

Clyde A. Waugh (Wooster) from care of *Ohio Farmer*, Cleveland, Ohio, to care of Middle West Soil Improvement Committee, 916 Postal Telegraph Building, Chicago, Illinois.

## WILSON APPOINTS GREGORY.

Thomas Watts Gregory (Southwestern Presby.) has been appointed Attorney General of the United States.

Brother Gregory became a member of the fraternity when the defunct national fraternity, Alpha Gamma, was absorbed. He was then a student at Southwestern Presbyterian University and became the first presiding officer of the new chapter. His interest in Alpha Tau Omega has never abated. He assisted in the formation of the chapter at Austin College and installed the chapter at Texas. Within recent years he has been making researches for a history of the Alpha Gamma Fraternity for the use of the historian of Alpha Tau Omega.

We expect to publish a sketch of his interesting and useful career in an early number of the PALM.



## DAVIS ON CHINA COMMISSION.

The new China government has appointed a commission of three engineers to take charge of flood prevention work in China, in regions which have suffered from floods and resultant famine for more than 2,500 years. Among the three is our brother, Arthur Powell Davis (Columbian), of whom *Engineering News* says:

Arthur Powell Davis, chief engineer of the United States Reclamation Service, was born February 9, 1861, at Decatur, Illinois. He was educated at the State Normal School at Emporia, Kansas, and in 1882 joined the staff of the United States Geological Survey, studying at the same time at Columbian (now George Washington) University, where he received an engineering degree in 1888. The same year he entered the irrigation survey division of the Geological Survey. In 1894 he was transferred to the hydrographic division on stream measurements.

When the Nicaragua Canal Commission made its surveys on the Isthmus in 1897, Mr. Davis was given charge of the hydrographic work. Subsequently, in 1899 and 1900, he had charge of the hydrographic work on both the Panama and the Nicaragua routes; in connection with this work he was sent to Paris to examine the Panama Canal records.

Upon the organization of the Reclamation Service in 1902, Mr. Davis was appointed assistant chief engineer, under Frederick H. Newell, chief engineer. In 1907 Mr. Newell was made director and Mr. Davis became chief engineer. In 1909 Mr. Davis was appointed by President

Roosevelt a member of the board of engineers to accompany President-Elect Taft to the Isthmus of Panama to decide upon the feasibility and safety of the Gatun Dam, and upon the type of canal, lock or sea-level to be built. Later in the same year he served as a member of the board of consulting engineers on Porto Rican irrigation work.

Mr. Davis is already familiar with the East. In 1911 he went to Turkestan for the Russian Government to investigate and report upon irrigation projects. He has also served as consulting engineer on dams and irrigation projects in this country and Alaska. Mr. Davis has been granted a leave of absence for five months to undertake his new work.



### OUR WRITERS.

Several of our younger writers are achieving no little success with the magazines these days. Among the names most frequently seen in the popular magazines are Leroy Scott (Adrian) and Frank A. Fall (Albion).



### MILTON AND PUTNAM.

From a very interesting article concerning the Florida State Industrial School of Boys, published in the Pensacola (Florida) *Journal*, we find that Brother W. H. Milton (Auburn) is president of the board of managers and L. H. Putnam (Emory) is the superintendent. It will be remembered that L. H. Putnam was the very efficient Province Chief of Province I at the time of the Birmingham Congress and had charge of the arrangements for that very successful gathering. Of him, the article says:

L. H. Putnam, present superintendent of the Florida State Industrial School at Marianna, has made the study of the boys a life work, and his success has been notable. Mr. Putnam was for several years connected with the boys' department of the Atlanta Y. M. C. A., subsequently for some time at Emory College and, later, was chief probation officer of the city of Birmingham, working in connection with the juvenile court system. From Birmingham Mr. Putnam went to Mobile, where, for five years, he was in charge of the Mobile Detention School and was chief probation officer of Mobile County. The vigorous manner in which he has taken hold of the work at the Florida school gives every indication of the greatest success in the work.

## PHILIPPINE INTER-FRATERNITY BANQUET.

George W. Davis (Brown) sends us a copy of the menu of the fifth annual banquet of the Philippine Inter-Fraternity banquet held at Manila on February 6, 1914. Lieutenant K. P. Lord (Tufts) represented A. T. O. upon the general committee and the following are listed as A. T. O. members of the Association: Lieutenant A. T. Newman (Nebraska), L. O. Colbert (Tufts), Lieutenant R. L. Chapin (Florida), L. H. Bailey (Pennsylvania), W. B. Gonder (M. I. T.), R. D. Roeder (California), Lieutenant E. H. Johnson (Nebraska), Lieutenant T. A. McDonald (Pennsylvania) and A. M. Kirby (Emory). Davis also writes: "This is the first banquet I have been able to attend. When the four preceding ones were held I was always located in the provinces. For the past year I have been located in Manila as chief draughtsman of the Bureau of Lands—a reward for my persistence in demanding a better job. L. H. Bailey has resigned from the government service and is now on construction work for the Philippine Railroad in Tayabas province."



## FROM A NORTHWEST DINNER.

Our old friend, "Peanut," alias Charles A. Haines (Mublenberg), sends us a card from the Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma, Washington, and informs us that on July 11, 1914, the following dined there: Spurr (Washington), McCord (Southerr), Kennedy (Washington), Youle (Illinois), Yates (Hillsdale), Ellsworth (Cornell), Sinks (Rose), Ayres, Berlin, and Hannon (Washington).



## BIRMINGHAM NOTES.

John C. Carmichael has just recovered from a severe case of appendicitis. He was ill for several weeks and we are all glad to see him back at his office and in good health.

Ralph Barrow has suddenly taken a liking for fresh air and started in search for it. He is now on a "hike" to New Orleans from Birmingham. Walking is good and all A. T. O.'s agree



with him, but none were strong enough to accompany him on his "little" trip. He was last heard of passing through Montgomery with plenty of sunburn and a carload of the good old red clay of Alabama. All we can say is "Luck to him."



#### CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

Robert L. Williams (Beta Beta), now the Chief Justice of Oklahoma, has been nominated by the Democratic party for Governor of that state.



#### KANSAS CITY NEWS.

Alpha Tars living in Kansas City used to have an alumni chapter house, which was the scene of more fun than they had in their college days. But Cupid's ravages were so numerous and swift in a period of a few months, about a year and a half ago, that the house was abandoned. Another trouble was that the work of running the house fell upon one man who simply had to be a martyr to the cause. But the martyr got tired of his cause when the wedding bells began to ring quite frequently. Now the Kansas City boys are talking about getting together again, as the Alpha Tau colony has gained some recruits.



#### KNOXVILLE NOTES.

O. B. Sandberg is with the U. S. Forest Service at Andrews, North Carolina.

T. F. Dooley was in the city a few days ago. Dooley is superintendent of the Dayton Hosiery Mills, Dayton, Tennessee. He states that the mills are doing nicely.

G. N. Hughes has returned from the North and is interested with S. O. Kennedy in a water-power development at Sevierville, Tennessee.

J. W. Keller recently accepted a position in the construction department of the Southern Railway at Knoxville.

W. T. Dempster is on construction work in Florida.

C. M. Ratliff is in the maintenance of way department of the Southern Railway, Washington, District of Columbia.

J. M. Dempster has decided that home is the best place, and is now with his father in the Dempster machine shops.



#### YOUNGSTOWN ITEMS.

A. O. Fleming (Ohio Wesleyan), teacher in the Rayen High School, Youngstown, Ohio, was nominated at the August primaries as a candidate for the State Legislature on the Republican ticket. Fleming spoke from a hundred platforms in the county and city, in a spirited campaign, in which he won out by a thousand votes.

P. C. Bunn (Wooster) is the new principal of the high school, at Lorain, Ohio, to succeed D. J. Boone (Mt. Union), who was chosen as a member of the faculty of the new normal school at Bowling Green, Ohio. Bunn has been principal of the Ashtabula Harbor High School.

J. W. Moore (Mt. Union) is the new superintendent of the Columbiana County schools. He was a principal in Youngstown, Ohio.

F. F. Herr (Western Reserve) is a member of the Board of Readers of the College Entrance Examination Board, which meets in New York City every June. Herr is assistant principal of the Rayen High School, Youngstown, Ohio.

Chester Dickhaut (Wittenberg) is a reporter on the Youngstown *Daily Vindicator*.



#### BRIEF PERSONAL ITEMS.

*Alabama:* S. P. Smith, who completed the law course at the University of Alabama the past session, has taken a position as right-of-way agent for the Queen and Crescent Railroad; it is understood that his headquarters will be in Cincinnati. Max Rogers, '13, who was forced to leave Harvard University before the close of the past session to undergo a serious operation, has fully recovered at his home in Gainesville, Alabama. Gaston Stollenwerck, '14, has taken up farming with his father in Uniontown, Alabama.

*Brown:* Howard A. Brown, '14, is planning to connect himself with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, in the fall. Charles A. Bagnall, '14, has entered the employ of Stranahan & Co., Bonds, Providence, R. I.

*Colorado:* Karl W. Farr, who graduated from the University of Michigan Law School last June, is located in Denver, where he has begun the practice of law. William C. Hood, county judge of Adams County, Colorado, is living at Westminster, Colorado. Fred J. Elliott, who lives at Globe, Arizona, visited in Denver this summer. David S. Kruidenier, of Des Moines, Iowa, spent his vacation in Montana, Yellowstone Park and Denver. Frederick W. Dickinson is attending Hobart College; he received a scholarship. Raymond H. Bailey is professor of one of the high schools at Pittsburgh, Pa. Warner D. Bailey will teach manual training in the Denver schools during the coming year. John T. Barbrick is engaged in the practice of law at Pueblo, Colorado.

*Gettysburg:* Doyle R. Leathers has been elected athletic director of the Salisbury School, Salisbury, Connecticut. George H. Hummel will enter the University of Pennsylvania Law School this fall. O. K. Reed will enter the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. J. C. Meyers will teach and assist in coaching the athletic teams of Perkiomen Seminary.

*Iowa State:* John C. Sterrit, '14, has been promoted to a managership in the lumber mills at Walla Walla, Washington, where he had been at work since his graduation in February. Ray Wolven, '14, has been notified of his success in passing the civil service examinations held last March, and of his appointment as forest assistant in the reserve in Oregon. H. C. Hostetter, '14, has secured a section of land near Colo, Iowa, where he will begin farming operations this fall. R. C. Collvin, '13, has returned from Maimi, Arizona, to locate in Denver, where he expects to sell mining stock. B. L. Bradford, '13, has gone into business with his father at Storm Lake, Iowa. Word has been received that Malcon Blinks, ex-'13, is in San Francisco after a two years' cruise around the world, and will again enter school at Ames this term. Among the appointments to the faculty for the ensuing year is that of H. F. Clemmer, '12, who will accept the position of

testing engineer. Dougald G. Porter, '12, is in charge of the Tri-City Railway at Davenport. Purl Wilson, '13, is practicing veterinary medicine at Emetsburg, Iowa. R. G. Shreck, '14, has accepted a position with the United States Forestry Service in the State of Washington.

*Minnesota:* John McGovern is a candidate for election to the Minneapolis City Council as alderman from the Second Ward. Patten and Spink are looking after the interests of the Atlas Lumber Company near McMurray, Washington. Donald Aldworth, '13, football captain, is looking after the holdings of the Shevlin Carpenter Library Company in Montana.

*Missouri:* Leon E. Howe is a reporter on the Kansas City *Star*. With him are Roy Roberts and Wesley Stout, both of Kansas University, and Thomas S. Hudson. All are members of the staff of reporters.

*Muhlenberg:* John E. Hartzell has completed his course in the Pennsylvania Law School. Elwood J. Unangst expects to enter the Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary next fall. Theodore E. Orr, Orin Boyle and Howard Berry intend to enter the University of Pennsylvania in the fall. H. Fry will begin work at the White Bible Training School in September.

*Nebraska:* Rev. Arthur Marsh has recently been appointed head master of the Bishop Scott School, Yamhill, Oregon. H. L. Hollingsworth has been promoted to a professorship in psychology in Columbia University; he is also acting as lecturer in business psychology in the New York University School of Commerce; since he first became a member of the Columbia University faculty, he has published four books and two volumes of miscellaneous articles. Harry Hardman is the Republican candidate for county judge at Lake Andes, South Dakota. Earl Mallery, who, as a member of the State Legislature last year, held the distinction of being the youngest member of the House of Representatives, has filed papers as candidate for the State Senate subject to the August primaries. Everett M. Swain and Jesse E. Roberts (Michigan, '92) have formed a law partnership with offices in the American Trust Building at 76 West Monroe Street, Chicago.



*Pennsylvania:* John B. Litel has resigned from his position in New York City with the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of New Jersey, and has returned to his home in Albany, Wisconsin. W. R. K. Mitchell has become affiliated with the bond department of the Provident Life and Trust Company, Philadelphia. Young and Schwegler are at present located in Ohio with the American Association of Portland Cement Manufacturers.

*St. Lawrence:* Paul W. Allen received the degree of Master of Arts in June.

*Stanford:* Lacey, '11, is an instructor at the University of California; he has been spending his vacation in Europe. Good, '11, is at present manager of a large ranch at El Torro, California. Scholefield, '11, and Bly, '13, are in the engineering department of the Standard Oil Company, California. Hall, '11, has been with a copper mine at La Touche, Alaska, since he graduated a year ago as a mining engineer. Taylor, '11, is in Nicaragua as a geologist with a mining company that holds a large concession from the government. Waterman, '11, and Dingle, '12, hold responsible positions with an extensive irrigation development near Woodland, California. Whiting, ex-'14, is in San Francisco in the automobile business.

*Vermont:* Harold Murdock, '12, is with the United Rubber Company in Naugatuck, Connecticut. Max D. Fuller, ex-'15, has secured a position with the Standard Oil Company in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

*Worcester:* P. C. Howes, '14, is employed in the engineering department of the Rockwood Sprinkler Company, a Worcester concern; his address is 141 Milk Street, Boston, Massachusetts. A. C. Torrey, ex-'14, has returned from the West and has been spending the past summer managing a summer hotel at Eastport, Maine. R. B. Penniman, ex-'15, is a lieutenant in His Majesty's service at Fort William, Ontario. H. L. Tilton, '14, is working in Boston and is living at No. 1 Ashburton Place. W. R. Turner is at 293 Bridge Street, Springfield, Massachusetts, where he is in charge of the Springfield branch of the Employees' Liability Insurance Company, of Massachusetts. C. F. Fritch, '14, is employed with the National Fireproofing Company, of New York, and is living

at 81 Fort Green Place, Brooklyn. R. A. Waite, ex-'15, is working at Claremont, New Hampshire, for the Casper Ranger Construction Company, of Holyoke. D. W. Ormsbee, '14, is with the Rockwood Sprinkler Company, of Worcester, and is living at the Hotel Standish in that city. Roger Coolidge, '08, is in business for himself conducting a general engineering business. N. D. Pease, '13, is superintendent of construction for the Connecticut General Contractors' Association, of Hartford, Connecticut.

*Wyoming:* E. H. Davis is principal of the Kemmerer (Wyoming) High School. W. A. Hitchcock is instructor in civil engineering in the University of Wyoming. U. S. Grant is at Los Angeles, California, where he holds a responsible position with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. J. M. Jones is animal husbandman for the State of Texas, and is located at College Station, Brazos County, Texas. E. N. Roberts is assistant research chemist in the University of Wyoming; he is a graduate of Exeter College, Oxford, England, where he held the Cecil Rhodes Scholarship for Wyoming. V. H. Rowland is superintendent of schools at Lusk, Wyoming. C. A. Jones is instructor in science and coach of athletics in the Cheyenne (Wyoming) High School.

## The Associations

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### BIRMINGHAM.

The Birmingham Alumni Association has been very active since reorganizing last April and has made considerable progress in this district. It is a great pleasure to us, and we hail the honor with the keenest pride, to know that we have enrolled with us so many good fellows; all impressed with the same principles when starting life and now following man-to-man the same standard and never forgetting that good old fraternity of Alpha Tau Omega.

The membership committee has been very active and has increased our number considerably. We now have 150 active men and new names are still coming in.

We are holding our meetings monthly and they have been most enjoyable. Our June meeting was held at the Southern Club and after a nice lunch we were entertained with speeches from some of our most distinguished brothers. Our July and August meetings were freed from business and speeches on account of the extremely warm weather. We went to the Lyric Theatre in a body and then to the Press Club, where we enjoyed a nice sandwich and then concluded with a few songs on the roof garden.

We have not had the entire association present at any meetings, but considering the extremely warm weather and the number of brothers on vacation we have made a dandy showing and assured every one of the stability of our organization. We will continue to have regular meetings and increase our membership and will meet you at the coming Congress in Nashville with a trainload of good Birmingham Alpha Tau boosters.

E. C. KAIN.

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### CHARLOTTE.

The Charlotte Alumni Association has been following the presidential policy of "watchful waiting" for some months, and have not had any official meetings recently.

Since the last news sent to the PALM, we have had an increase of numbers, by the coming to Charlotte of these brothers: W. S. Beam (North Carolina Alpha Delta), an attorney-at-law; M. C. Horner (Virginia Beta), day clerk at the Selwyn Hotel; James B. Marshall, Jr. (South

Carolina Beta Xi), draughtsman and architect; C. M. Pritchett (Georgia Beta-Iota), civil engineer, and Joseph G. Fitzsimmons (North Carolina Alpha Delta), dealer in automobile supplies.

Fitzsimmons is returning to his "native heath" after years of wandering, as he was born and raised here of old-time "tar heel" family.

Pritchett is also a returner, having lived here for several years before going to the Philippine Islands.

Rev. Plato D. Durham (North Carolina Xi), of our association, has been meeting with well deserved honors in connection with the new Methodist University, having been one of the committee from the church on the question and more recently having been chosen as a member of the faculty. He now fills the position of presiding elder in this district.

Our former members, Luke Seawell (Georgia Beta Iota) and W. L. Wilhoite (Tennessee Alpha Tau), recently have paid us short visits and were warmly welcomed. Both are now located in Memphis, Tennessee.

Ralph Odell (North Carolina Xi) has also been with us for a visit. He is engaged by the U. S. Government as agent in developing the cotton trade with foreign countries, and has been in Turkey, Egypt, etc., following his travels through France, Germany and England.

The remainder of our members are traveling along in the same lines, at same places and with same results. Walton Phifer is the exception, as he has engaged with another drug firm.

Rev. Lacy L. Little (North Carolina Alpha Eta) has been home for a much needed rest after long years of service in the China Missionary field, and has visited here several times in passing from his own home to his wife's home. He expects to return to China this winter.

The brothers of our association are now figuring on a meeting and frolic at the River. "At the River" does not mean that heavenly river, where *all Alpha Taus will gather*, but a new amusement park that has been opened some twelve miles distant on the banks of the Catawba River.

And we hope to report a delightful trip and newly aroused enthusiasm and increased work for the fraternity.

J. FRANK WILKES.

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## CHICAGO.

The Chicago Alumni Association, while it has not been as active this summer as in the winter months, nevertheless still continues to hold its weekly luncheons at the Brevoort Hotel every Thursday between 12.30 and 1.30. The luncheons are always fairly well attended and we have the pleasure every so often of having a visiting brother drop in to eat with us.

Our monthly gatherings will begin in September. We always hold a dinner and smoker during the winter months at some downtown hotel



and sometimes are fortunate enough to have an attendance of forty or fifty men.

Our entertainment committee is planning to introduce a few new features at these monthly meetings, beginning this fall. In addition to the usual card games and singfest, it is planned to have some of our more successful brothers, who have been out of school ten or twelve years, and made money, tell us how they did it and to slip us their success motto. Some of the old fellows seem to be very prosperous, and it is no more than right that they enlighten the younger men upon the ways and means of attaining prosperity.

For the past year there has been some movement on foot to open up an alumni house in this city. It is realized that this is a very difficult proposition to undertake, and the committee in charge would welcome any suggestions in reference to establishing an alumni house in Chicago. It will be an excellent thing to make Chicago an alumni center and a large house owned, or even rented, by the organization, would offer a great meeting place for A. T. O.'s living in the city and for the increasing number of transients.

On August 29th the annual summer picnic will be held. This year it will be given in all probability at Ravinia Park. A large time is anticipated. The affair in past years has always proved a great success.

The secretary of the association wishes to announce that he would be glad to have all A. T. O.'s contemplating coming to Chicago to locate permanently, to correspond with him. His address will be at the Gladstone Hotel, Sixty-second Street and Kenwood Avenue. It is desired that all A. T. O.'s who live in the city affiliate with the organization. No application for membership is necessary. The payment of \$2 annually to the secretary is sufficient.

It is difficult for the members in the Chicago organization oftentimes to get in touch with new men. This, however, is largely the fault of the newcomers, for with the use of the directory it is an easy matter to get in touch with the association. All brothers are cordially welcome in our midst, and if they will do their share in looking us up when they come to the city, they will be well taken care of

ROBERT C. BUCK.

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#### KNOXVILLE.

Ours is a very young alumni association, formed at the close of the school year, and at the beginning of the vacation season, so we have hardly had a chance to find out what we can do.

Application for a charter for the Knoxville Alumni Association was made last spring, and the charter granted in March, twenty-two brothers appearing as charter members. However, as a number of these brothers lived out of town, and others were away on business, it was not until April

that the association was put on a permanent footing. Of course, the center of our interest lay with the active chapter, and on their invitation we have met with them a number of times in the chapter house.

We have not confined our activities to the social side, but have been at work on a plan to raise a fund for the purchase of a chapter house. We expect to carry this plan to completion within a few years, so that the chapter will no longer have to rent their house.

W. W. CARSON, JR.

#### NASHVILLE.

The Nashville Alumni Association met early in April and elected officers. We immediately got to work and appointed a Congress committee with Paul Moore as chairman. This committee appointed subcommittees on program, entertainment, publicity, and a committee to see the various organizations for civic welfare. While the plan evolved from these different working bodies is well under way, there remains a considerable bit of changes before the association will be ready to present a smooth working program.

We are expecting Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer Max Erdman to visit us with a view of consultation and advice as to the final arrangements, about a week after the opening of the spiking season at Tennessee Beta Pi, Vanderbilt University. By the time of his arrival we fully expect to have a program worked out in detail.

Already locations have been secured for the various functions, of which we expect to have more than the usual number, without interfering at all with the regular business meetings. The committees are working hard with a view of getting an early start to business, and having all details arranged so nicely that the convention will not be delayed in either business or pleasures.

Rooms have been secured at this early date from as far away as Texas, and from all the indications we have been able to get, the convention will have an attendance that will do credit to its semi-centennial celebration.

We ask that all who are to attend, report at once to general headquarters, learn the program, get badges, tickets, etc., so that the convention may proceed on time.

It is needless to say that Nashville is going to welcome Alpha Tau in a way that will be remembered.

The local chapter has been fortunate to secure a handsome house at 1917 Hayes Street, about two blocks from the campus, and will move in before the spiking season. They expect a banner year in the way of new material, and a new high water mark in the achievements of Tennessee Beta Pi. The chapter stands well in all lines of college endeavor, among which the solid work of scholarship and turning out of men of A. T. O. caliber is pre-eminent.

We extend to all A. T. O.'s our heartiest invitation to be with us and help make a record breaker in December.

W. S. WHITMAN.

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### OMAHA.

The Omaha Alumni Association has had several enthusiastic meetings. On April 25th a regular meeting was held at the Paxton Hotel in Omaha, the nature of this meeting being an informal smoker, given for the benefit of several high school graduates in this vicinity, who were contemplating going to college next fall. We had twelve such guests, and tried to show them a jolly good time, and to fill their minds with the idea that the fellowship of Alpha Tau Omega is a quality worth possessing. Several of these men are definitely planning on going to school where we have chapters, and it is our purpose to keep in touch with them when they start in school. At this meeting we had thirty-one members present.

The next regular meeting was held at Lake Manawa near Council Bluffs, Iowa, on June 27th. We again had an enthusiastic gathering and met many brothers in this vicinity whom, otherwise, we would not have had the pleasure of meeting. At this time plans were started for our next gathering, the latter part of August or the first of September. This is to be in the nature of a house party to be held at the Crescent Lodge at Carter Lake. This lodge was erected by four brothers who are making a hospitable home for brothers who are in the vicinity of Omaha during the summer.

By the time this letter is read, this reunion will have been held, but it may serve as an announcement for a similar reunion next summer. It is the intention of the active alumni association to give a hearty welcome to all brothers who pass through our city, and we must take this opportunity to urge any brother to get in touch with us whenever possible. Our secretary, A. C. Kennedy, Jr., can most always be found at his office in the First National Bank Building, Omaha.

S. A. HARRIS.

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The Omaha Alumni Association, now in its second year, boasts of a membership of forty loyal Alpha Taus, who represent in all ten chapters of the national brotherhood. On account of our central location, we hope to have this alumni chapter serve as a common meeting ground for the members and A. T. O.'s from all the chapters in Province III, and, representing as we do so many different chapters, we feel naturally a broad and vital interest in the fraternity, particularly in this part of the country. It has been our aim to keep in touch with the active men and active chapters, and even, in spite of the cares and difficulties of alumni, to duplicate the "active" fraternity of the "old days," making of the Omaha association an "active" alumni chapter



Thursday noon of every week we gather in the little room at the Calumet for an hour or so to meet each other and the new men that drift in constantly from other chapters with welcome news of old friends and brothers in other states.

A dinner dance at the Omaha Field Club for the entertainment of the ladies as well as ourselves, and a smoker at the Paxton Hotel for prospective fraternity men, were some of the events of this last year. The association makes it a special duty to look up the men leaving for schools and colleges where A. T. O. is established and after sending them away with at least a favorable impression of our fraternity, make a careful recommendation to the chapters in the various colleges concerning men worth looking after.

The June meeting was held at the Pavilion at Lake Manawa, Iowa, where supper was served to some twenty-two Alpha Taus. Professor Buck, who has sailed for Germany and is now perhaps in the thick of affairs, motored up from Lincoln with Angle, another loyal A. T. O. Parks, of Council Bluffs, president of the association, presided at a short business meeting, at which it was voted to have an Alpha Tau "summer camp" in the early part of September. The meal, business and speeches over, the brothers proceeded to take advantage of the opportunities of the time and place and enjoy the festivities in a hearty fashion.

The association is taking a great interest in the active chapters for the coming school year and in the prospective members of the fraternity who will be under consideration at that time. Several of our men are planning to spend the rushing week at their various chapter houses and give what aid and counsel they can at that critical time.

It is a mistake to think that the fraternity dies with the close of college days; if ever, it is then that it becomes most vital and active, drawing scattered friends and brothers together to meet on a common ground and in the name of a common interest. Here in Omaha, we have come to realize the value and pleasure to be had in renewing the old fraternal ties and awakening once more, in the leisure hours of a busy life, the friendly interest and association of college days. We have come to the conclusion that the system of alumni chapters is rich with undeveloped possibilities for the building up of the fraternity, and so we await with interest, news and letters of the other such chapters throughout the United States in the September PALM.

CHANDLER TRIMBLE.

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#### PITTSBURGH.

Now that you have had at least a part of your vacation and are back home, don't forget Alpha Tau.

We have kept up the Saturday luncheons at the Fort Pitt throughout the summer and are now looking for increased attendance. Come out and join us, bringing any other brother, new or old, along with you.



Service begins at about 12.30 and lasts until about 1.30. The price, 75 cents, includes tips and all brothers are requested to pay only that amount and no other, for we want all treated alike.

We announce with regret that our worthy secretary, Joseph H. Cannon, has gone to take a position in Texas. W. D. MCBRYAR.

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#### YOUNGSTOWN.

The Youngstown Alumni Association met in August for a summer reunion with the men who are home from college. After dinner, at which J. F. Williams, president, sat at the head of the table, the "bunch" went to the theatre and enjoyed it in true A. T. O. style. The only regret of the fellows is that we do not have our meetings often enough.

F. F. HERR.

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#### DR. GLAZEBROOK MARRIES.

At the moment this form goes to press, we learn of the marriage of the Founder, Rev. Dr. Otis A. Glazebrook, now American Consul at Jerusalem, to Miss Emmeline Rumford, at the Episcopal Cathedral in the Palestine city, on September 5th.

The PALM extends the congratulations of the Fraternity to the bride and groom.

# The Active Chapters

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## THE CHAPTER LETTERS.

### PROVINCE I

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#### ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC.

Our chapter made a very good showing at the closing of college last year.

We had six brothers who received their diplomas and of these several graduated with distinction.

We were also honored by one of our seniors, Captain F. P. Samford, winning the saber for having the best drilled company in college.

Five of our brothers are back at Auburn attending the summer session and we have very bright prospects for the coming year, although we will miss the brothers who were taken from us by graduation.

We are well pleased with our chapter's work of last year, but are hoping to do even better next year. We expect to have every brother return for this year, except those who graduated last year.

YETTA SAMFORD.

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#### ALABAMA.

Commencement at the University of Alabama was enjoyed immensely by every one present. The dances were unusually attractive, and the other features were equally successful. Beta Delta enjoyed visits from Rogers, Courtney and Bouchelle during the festivities.

The chapter closed the 1913-14 session very successfully. Three of its members graduated in the academic department: Foster, Stollenwerck and Harsh; while an equal number received diplomas from the law department, viz.: Smith, Nathan and Bates. Of these, Bates and Harsh are sure to return with the opening of the 1914-15 session, and Foster may possibly return. All these men graduated with good standing while Foster was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

With the new session a new order of things will exist in the fraternity world at Alabama. Rushing rules have been inaugurated, and fraternity talk must be suppressed until after Thanksgiving. It is hoped that this system will be an improvement over the old "catch-as-catch-can" method, and the various fraternities are looking forward eagerly to its "test-out."

W. L. HARSH.

## GEORGIA.

With the close of the 1914 term of college Alpha Beta has found herself in the best of condition for assuming an active and leading role along all lines of activities at Georgia. The chapter is composed of representative men from the various phases of university life. Alpha Taus fill, or have filled during the last scholastic term, the offices of editor-in-chief of the *Red and Black*, the university weekly; manager of the 1914 football team, captain of the 1915 baseball team and captain of the 1914-15 track team. We are well represented among the various social, musical, political, honorary, literary and dramatic clubs at Georgia.

We regret to relate that we lost Cocke, Burt and Bryan through graduation. H. D. Allen also leaves to study medicine at the Medical College at Augusta. Only one brother was lost during the entire last year because of delinquencies in his studies, but in spite of this many term and half-term reports gave us first place in scholarship.

During the past year great interest has been taken in the Pan-Hellenic Council. This council has succeeded in keeping fraternity freshmen out of the pool rooms in Athens and away from the many college dances. A movement was started to prohibit the initiation of freshmen before January of each year, but fell through because the Chi Phi Fraternity opposed it and refused to become a member of the council, which was composed of all the other chapters at Georgia. Alpha Beta strongly endorsed the movement.

With a rock-bottom foundation Alpha Beta will undoubtedly take great strides along all lines of accomplishment next year. Every man, with the exception of those named above, will return in September. We have already pledged four very fine young men, and when "rushing season" opens in the fall, we do not intend to be rendered conspicuous by our absence, but to be right there on the job to handle our share of the "spoils."

ASHTON BURFORD.

## EMORY.

Alpha Theta has already begun the new year with vim and determination. We returned ten men, and have three new pledges. The new pledge rules which we so heartily favored failed to hold good, but rushing season found us equal to the occasion. The chapter is exceptionally well balanced, and every man has started the new year, purporting to make this Alpha Theta's banner year. Christian, one of last year's varsity men, was elected manager of the sophomore team. Roddenbery, a new man, is trying out for the freshman team. Banks, Smith and Monfort will make their respective teams.

We acknowledge recent visits from J. L. Girardeau, '11, and H. M. Quillian, '13.

E. A. BURKHALTER.

## MERCER.

Alpha Zeta closed another year of school June 4th. The brothers departed for their homes, or various locations for employment for the three months' vacation after several weeks of strenuous work, finishing up the term's work and taking final examinations.

Our annual banquet was held in May at the Dinkler Hotel. Jones made the most graceful of toastmasters. A large number of our alumni brothers were present. It was generally agreed that this was the jolliest banquet we have ever held.

Looking over our prospects for this year we hope for a very successful year for the chapter and for a record that will enable us to give a more extended report to the next issue of the PALM.

J. T. WELLS.

## GEORGIA TECH.

From present prospects Beta Iota will have one of the best chapters in its history when Georgia Tech opens up on Sept. 24th. The alumni in Atlanta, together with the brothers in summer school, have been hard at work all the year, and have pledged several new men. At present we have six men pledged, and as many more that we are practically certain of getting.

The chapter has been unusually fortunate in securing a new house for the coming year. It is about twice as large as the old one and more convenient in every respect. We intend to furnish the place with new fixtures and then we will have the best house at Tech. The new address is 43 West North Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. All brothers are most cordially invited to pay us a visit at any time.

Fourteen of the old men will return in the fall, and this number with the pledges will give us one of the largest chapters in some time. The brothers are somewhat scattered this summer. Golding and Scott are on the Gulf; Robinson is out in the wheat fields, and Law, Colley and Gantt, after making a tour of the State, are attending a house party in the mountains of North Georgia.

The brothers who graduated last June, Law, Arrington, Conklin and FitzSimons, have all accepted responsible positions and are doing fine. Especially is this true of Arrington, who leaves in a few days for China where he goes to take charge of the Standard Oil Company interests.

B. J. GANTT.

## TULANE.

The first of October marks the beginning of the school year at Tulane, and the prospects for the coming session are very bright for Beta Epsilon. Although two months remain before the opening of college, we are



assured that all our men of last year will return with the exception of Philip Werlein and Luke Halloway, affiliate from Alpha Omega, Florida, both of whom graduated with high honors. We are also glad to state that James Barr, who had to leave us last year on account of his health, will again be with us this fall. Being thus equipped, we are fully prepared to make the coming year a great one for Beta Epsilon.

Our men did splendid work at college last year, and came in for a large share of honors. Philip Werlein, the record holder for the high jump, won the Rhodes Scholarship last June and will go to Oxford this fall. Halloway was appointed after graduation an interne of the Turo Infirmary. Stouse, who broke the local record for the half-mile run, will be a serious contender for the southern title in that event. Besides having a member on the Athletic Board, another president of the Glee Club and two in the quartette, we were represented on the *Jambalaya*, the Tulane annual.

The Pan-Hellenic has changed one of its rulings now allowing fraternities to bid new men on the first day of school instead of a month later. This will eliminate "rushing" and will no doubt bring fraternities closer together, as "rushing" was always accompanied by disagreeable features.

Among our alumni, C. R. Armstrong, of Tulane and Cornell, after visiting us for a year, went this summer to undertake his studies at the Beaux Arts, to which he recently had been elected. However, owing to the European war, he has been compelled to discontinue his studies in Paris and will be with us shortly. The Alumni Corporation, organized for the erection of a chapter house, will soon take active steps to build and we expect in the near future a fine permanent home. A. W. NORMAN.

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## TEXAS.

The past session proved to be a most successful one for Gamma Eta despite the conditions under which we were forced to work. The closed season and strict rushing rules which were imposed on fraternities by the faculty proved unsatisfactory in every way. When bidding day rolled around only a few freshmen were eligible, as so many had failed to make the required number of hours. We got our share, however, and in Garth, McKinney and Sherdling we have the best in school. We lose three men through graduation, Burney, Wheeler and Terry. The loss of these men will be keenly felt, as each one has proved to be a loyal Alpha Tau.

Adams was elected manager of next year's *Cactus*, our annual, and we are assured of other offices on the opening of school. Pennybacker won the gymnasium contest and was awarded his unqualified letter. We are all looking forward with much pleasure to the coming of September when we can resume our work in school and pick up the burdens of Alpha Tau and bear them on for nine months longer.

## PROVINCE II

## CHICAGO.

The dicennial celebration of the founding of Gammi Xi at the University of Chicago was the occasion for a large gathering of Alpha Taus on June 5th and 6th. The annual inter-fraternity sing took place on the evening of the 5th and A. T. O. was able to make a wonderful showing with the aid of the large body of alumni which were present for the dicennial. The afternoon of the next day found the brothers at the conference track meet which was particularly enjoyed by the older men.

A banquet at the chapter house culminated the celebration, the good fellowship of which was augmented by the presence of John McDermott as toastmaster. It was at this time that Kerwin submitted the plans which he and B. H. Lunde had drawn up relative to the purchase of a chapter house. The idea was received with a great deal of enthusiasm and many of the alumni made their subscriptions immediately. Because of the thoroughness of the work which has been done by Kerwin in projecting this idea, and because of the generous financial support received from our alumni, the chapter will probably be able to move into the new home next year.

We were fortunate in being able to initiate Rev. Allan W. Cooke and William H. Weiser at our last meeting of the quarter, as they will be a decided help to the chapter in the fall. At the spring convocation, H. R. Bennett was elected to Phi Beta Kappa which brought much credit to Gamma Xi. Several of the other brothers received honorable mention.

In the field of campus activities, Windrow and Hilton were elected to Blackfriars and Haupt and Crawford to Tiger's Head, the men's honorary musical organization. The chapter realizes that these elections will give Gamma Xi an opportunity next year to hold its reputation in campus activities which was inaugurated this year by Lunde.

Despite the fact that we have lost five of our most active men by graduation; viz., Atkins, Bennett, Comer, Lunde and Weld, the chapter will return in the fall with at least fifteen men to carry on the strenuous work of rushing with no loss of enthusiasm. Inspired by the thought of soon getting into our own house, every man who returns in the fall will exert himself to the utmost in picking off a large number of the best freshmen on the campus.

A. W. HAUPT.

## ADRIAN.

The school year of 1914 ended with a very favorable outlook for Alpha Mu. Though we greatly regret the loss of Harley Jennings and Wesley through graduation, yet we feel that we will have a strong chapter with which to start the fall work. In fact, most of the brothers have made arrangements already for their return in the fall, so that we are sure of a good active chapter

Commencement week was in every way a great success, being attended by the largest number of alumni in several years. Alpha Tau Omega did her share toward contributing to its success by sending out personal invitations to all her own alumni. Several of the old brothers were with us for a few days and it certainly did seem good to give them a welcoming grip.

The whole week was capped off by several house parties at Sand Lake, and from all reports every one had the time of his life. Whispers concerning several romances have been spread about since that time, but at present writing we are unable to take the chance of using names. However, by the next issue of the PALM, we hope to be able to give something more definite.

During the summer months the brothers have been keeping in touch with each other by means of a "chain letter." Many and varied are the queer experiences related by some of the brothers, especially since they are scattered over the whole country.

We look forward to a very successful year, for we already have many of the important offices in college life, including editor-in-chief of the college paper, football captaincy, literary society presidents, besides places on several important committees.

AARON JENNINGS.

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#### HILLSDALE.

Last June marked the close of another successful year for Beta Kappa. In every phase of college life our men upheld the standards of the past, and raised Alpha Tau still higher in the estimation of the faculty and general student body. Many honors came our way.

Sawdey, Miller and Gray received places upon the "honor roll" for scholarship, they being the only fraternity men so honored. Sawdey, Rosencrance and Miller were elected to the student council, Sawdey being elected president for the ensuing year.

In commencement exercises our men played their part. Sawdey had the honor of giving the undergraduate response to the senior address, while DeLapp presented the senior memorial to the college in behalf of his class.

DeLapp, Rosencrance and Calkins were in the cast of "Midsummer Night's Dream," which was ably presented by the Dramatic Club.

Beck, Reynolds, Calkins, Rosencrance, Chase and Bosthwick were selected to take part in the May pole festivities, which took place upon the campus. Miller has been appointed athletic editor of the *Collegian* to succeed Rosencrance.

In athletics, also, the brothers have won recognition. Roberts was elected captain of baseball for the season of 1915, and Reynolds received the same honor in track.



In the annual field meet of Michigan colleges at Albion, Tarbell broke the M. I. A. A. shot put record, throwing it 44 feet 9 inches. Reynolds was a member of the relay team which won second place at the meet. He also won third place in the half-mile run.

We lost Caslér, Beck and DeLapp by graduation, last spring, and O'Meara and Mitchell expect to attend university the coming year, so that we expect to have only fourteen actives and two pledges to start in the new year.

WEYLAND S. HAWEY.

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### MICHIGAN.

Beta Lambda will start the year with twenty-two old men back, Porter, Gibson, Winters and Eggers having graduated last June.

During summer vacation many improvements were made in the house. The dining room was enlarged, shower baths were installed and two sleeping porches were built. The new additions bring the capacity of the house to twenty-two men and that of the table to thirty-two.

Among our representatives on the campus for next year, Leonard is varsity football manager, third ensign of the Boat Club, master of properties of the Michigan Union Opera, a member of the Mimes and assistant business manager of the *Michigan Daily*; Godehn is business manager of the *Michiganensian*, the university year book; Schoeffle made Law Review; Clift was elected to Woolsack; Schmidt made his numerals on the all-freshman baseball team; Carlson was on the Freshman Engineer Glee Club.

Howard Fisher spent the summer in Los Angeles, and expects to enter the University of California in the fall. Dallzell Davenport is touring Europe, but will be back to enter school in September. Edward Gibson spent the summer in Europe, returning to his home in Buenos Ayres to go into the drug business.

JOHN P. CAFFEY.

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### ROSE POLYTECHNIC.

Gamma Gamma will open the school year with the loss of five men from last year. Most of the active members will return to Terre Haute early to look over the situation and arrange for renting a new house, as that occupied last year is unsuitable. We anticipate an unusually hard rushing season, as competition will be very keen.

Plans for the new Rose Polytechnic are fairly well crystallized and actual construction will probably begin in the near future. A magnificent site has been purchased about five miles east of Terre Haute on the National Road and the main line of the Pennsylvania. Nothing will be spared to make the new institute a model of its kind. With the ideal site, an entirely new plant and a continuation of the old policy of thorough instruction for a limited number of students, Rose will hold a position among technical schools surpassed by none.



Garrett D. Spruhan, '14, is working as draughtsman for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad at Aurora, Illinois. A. L. Pfau, Jr., is in the coal mining business at Hymera, Indiana. C. R. Coffey, of Kansas City, has accepted a position with the Winton Motor Car Company and will not return to school.

J. N. COMPTON.

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#### PURDUE.

School has opened this year with Gamma Omicron having better prospects for a good year than at any recent date. Eighteen old men have returned, including Davis and Luckett, who stayed out one year. So far we have five freshman pledges.

We have had visits from W. F. French, G. P. Torrence, J. H. Cannon, William Chestnut and P. Moriarty.

J. Russell Getz, '13, of this chapter, was married Saturday, September 19, 1914, in Indianapolis, to Miss Emma Whitehead, also of that city.

It is rather early for the beginning of campus activities, but it is our prediction and hope that we shall be as well represented as usual.

J. R. FINN.

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#### ALBION.

Of the athletic honors of the spring, Beta Omicron certainly has carried off its full share. We had five men on the baseball team, all of whom proved themselves first-rate ball players. The line-up of our men was as follows: Slout, third; Prall, shortstop; Weigman, pitcher; Reed, catcher, and Youngs, fielder. Unfortunately Prall was kept out of the Field Day games by being hit in the eye by a ball carelessly thrown at him while he was catching a fly during practice before the Alma game. Weigman and Reed made an unusually strong battery for Albion this year. In the last game, "Wig," always a strong pitcher, surpassed himself and did some of the best pitching ever seen on the Albion diamond. We much regret his loss. In track we were represented by Edwards, who was awarded his second letter for the javelin throw.

As usual our scholastic standing ranked high at the close of the semester. We are proud of it. Tobias was one of the ten students elected to the honor roll.

One of the most important events of the year for Beta Omicron was the alumni banquet held on June 17th. About twenty alumni were with us. They expressed themselves as well satisfied with the chapter and discussed plans for an addition to the lodge. Nothing was definitely decided upon, as there is still a small indebtedness that must be taken care of by the alumni association. Plans were made for finally clearing this up during the coming year. Shortly after this is

accomplished we expect more definite arrangements for such an addition to the present lodge as will make the house commodious enough for ten or twelve men.

During the coming college year our chapter house will be the same as last year (512 East Michigan Avenue). All Taus and pledges are heartily welcome. We are always glad to meet a Tau.

Our prospects for the coming year are excellent. We have at least twelve men returning in the fall. As we have a strong chapter and good rushing facilities we anticipate no trouble in securing many new men of worth.

H. GOODFELLOW.

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### WISCONSIN.

On June 14th Gamma Tau gave an alumni banquet which was attended by over twenty of the alumni. The Venerable William F. Hood, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, presided as toastmaster of the evening, and the following toasts were given: "Welcome to the Alumni," Stephen Chase, IV; "Response," John F. Baker; "Fishing," L. P. Larson; "The New House," Walter B. Schulte; "How to Get Away from Your Wife for the Alumni Banquet," E. Faber; "The Alumni Association in Pittsburgh," Alvin H. Kessler; "Iowa Greetings," Lee D. Maloney; "How the Alumni Look at the Alumni Banquet," Paul Weaver; "The Windy City," Charles P. Stivers; "Fire Sale," John P. Murrish; "The Faculty," Prof. Joseph Galland; "Farewell," Walter Berger.

The following five men graduated from the university this year: Walter Berger, Henry H. Weber, Stephen Chase, IV, Arthur W. Kootz and Charles T. Anderson. The latter will return next fall to attend the law school.

After a successful rushing season of two weeks, Gamma Tau "put the button" on seven very desirable men. Competition was very high this year, but by hard work we finished strong.

The rushing regulations which were in force this past year proved most unsatisfactory after a second trial, and for this reason rushing at Wisconsin will be held in the fall at the beginning of the school year. Fraternities will be allowed to rush and pledge freshmen at any time after the first registration day. Initiations, however, cannot be held until the following fall. There are some grave objections to this system, but the committee in charge is doing everything possible to solve the problem, and it hopes by persistent trials of various methods to hit upon a system which will be the most satisfactory in all respects.

After a carpenters' strike lasting seven weeks, the contractors resumed work on the new house the latter part of July, and since then no time has been lost. The foundation is completed and the masons are now working on the first story. Unless unforeseen difficulties arise, we hope to be in the house by the first of March.

CHARLES ANDERSON.

## PROVINCE III

## COLORADO.

A single shadow has been cast over the otherwise bright prospects of Gamma Lambda by the recent death of Fred Earl Olin, one of the most brilliant and promising members of last year's freshman class. Olin was a big, good-natured boy, popular not only in the fraternity, but throughout the school as well, and his death which followed an operation for appendicitis has caused great sorrow among his many friends.

Our chances of repeating the brilliant record made last year are good. Although we lose Fred Dickinson, our prospective worthy master, who is unable to return to school this fall, there are several good men, any one of whom is able to take his place. In addition we have lined up some of the most promising men in the freshman class for the coming year.

As was the case last year, we will be strong in athletics. We can count on at least one star in every branch, while in football and baseball we will have four or five letter men. With the prestige afforded by athletic supremacy, we should be able to build up a powerful organization, well able to cope with any other in the university.

R. M. SCOTT, JR.

## SIMPSON.

Beta Alpha closed an unusually successful rushing season June 5th by pledging seven new men, whom we expect to fill the places left vacant by the seven men who graduated.

Our annual spring stunt was held Monday, June 8th, during commencement week. The entire active chapter with several visiting alumni and their friends motored to Des Moines and spent the day as guests of the Golf and Country Club. A royal good time was enjoyed by every one.

The Men's and Ladies' Glee Clubs returned July 25th from a six weeks' tour of the West. The clubs traveled in their own private car and gave concerts in nearly all the principal cities. Much of the success of the trip was due to the efficient work of the manager, Harold F. Pote, '16. The eight Alpha Taus in the male club report royal entertainment at Denver by the Colorado Alumni Association, and at Eugene, Oregon, by the actives of Gamma Phi.

Our outlook for next year's athletics is unusually bright. At the recent football election, Noble was elected as captain of the team, this making the third successive year this office has been held by an Alpha Tau. We will have four of last year's team in school again this fall, as well as five men from the freshman team. Fish was also elected captain of the baseball team for next year.

HOWARD V. WRIGHT.

## IOWA STATE.

Gamma Upsilon is looking forward to a very successful scholastic year with an active chapter numbering about seventeen men. We greatly regret the loss of Homer Roland, who will enter school at Iowa City this fall in order to be with his parents, who have taken up a residence in that city.

Many recommendations have been gratefully received from our own and other alumni members of the fraternity for men entering Iowa State this fall, and we expect to have a host of material to choose from, regardless of keen competition by the other twelve national fraternities.

Caywood is in charge of construction on the new Snell Building at Fort Dodge, and is being assisted by O. C. Christianson, also of this chapter. MacGavern and Anderson are doing county engineer work and Wood is managing a 500-acre farm in the northern part of this state.

Visits from King, Martin and Anderson, of Iowa Beta Alpha, and MacClanehan, of Missouri Gamma Rho, were greatly enjoyed by Hoyt and Hultz, who were in summer school here. Craige Richie, of Ohio Gamma Kappa, spent several days with the chapter during commencement week and we are looking forward to another visit early in the fall. Plans for rushing are almost complete, pledge buttons have been well polished and every one is in fighting trim. We hope that by the time for the next PALM letter we shall be able to submit a goodly list of A-1 future Alpha Taus.

FRED S. HULTZ.

## MINNESOTA.

Gamma Nu returns to scholastic duties this fall with bright prospects for the ensuing year. Although we feel the distinct loss by graduation of Captain Aldworth, of the football team; Captain Spink, of the track team, and Captain Patten, our military representative, with Townley back in good form on the football squad, Dunnell on the track team, and our other promising brother aspirants in college activities, we hope soon to re-establish our former standard.

With the exception of those graduated, all brothers are expected back in good season. All have been on the lookout for good material during the summer and a lively rushing season is anticipated.

J. JAY VIETS.

## KANSAS.

Gamma Mu will begin another year September 16th when the fall semester of the university opens. At present the prospects were never brighter for a wallop good year. That's old stuff, but nevertheless true.

Several interesting things happened during the latter part of the



spring semester. Probably the most important was the winning of the inter-fraternity baseball championship by Gamma Mu. It was the first time Alpha Tau has had the championship cup. In the final series against the Sigma Chis the Gamma Mu team won two games and tied one. It was a fitting climax for an ever victorious season. Larry Meadows, Lloyd Bishop, Edward Steuwe and Frank Ise were the particular lights on the team. Bishop is now with the Cleveland American League team as a pitcher.

Floyd Fischer, who was graduated from the law school, is running for county attorney of Pottawatomie County, Kansas.

GUY L. WALDO.

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#### MISSOURI.

The last nine months closed a most successful season for Gamma Rho. We finished the first school year in our new \$17,000 home, the payments on which are well started. The chapter already owns the lot and the furniture for the new house. The chapter held its rank among the fraternities at the University of Missouri in all things, and scholarship was not one of the least of these.

The chapter feels particularly that the question of scholarship is well grounded and the ideal of good grades thoroughly instilled in every freshman we have. A study of the individual grades shows that the work of the individuals helped to make a good standard, which was not as high as we hope to attain this year. But at least, it was not by the work of two or three brilliant students that a respectable scholastic average for the fraternity was made. It was rather the work of two of the older men in the house, who "fell down," that the showing was not considerably better.

Plans for the fall rushing have been made this summer. The boys of Gamma Rho will come back to the house seventeen strong with four freshmen of last year eligible for initiation. So the chapter will start auspiciously. The rushing week plans include a big dance, a dinner party and several smokers. We expect to make rushing short and snappy and by the time the dust clears from the rushing program, Alpha Tau at Missouri University will have under its colors the best material in town. The brothers in St. Louis, Kansas City, Joplin and some of the other towns of the state have prospects enough to fill several chapters, so we will have to go through the painful process of elimination.

A. B. ARMSTRONG.

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#### NEBRASKA.

With sophomore pledging only two years distant, rushing at Nebraska bids fair to be even more strenuous this year than usual. Rush week is to begin on the last day of registration week in order to get the nerve-racking ordeal over with as soon as possible.

Although the personnel of Gamma Theta will not be large to begin the year, we feel that our chances are as good as ever for grabbing desirable freshmen. A large number of local alumni will aid us very materially in this. During the year just past we continued the practice of keeping in personal touch with prospective rushees and thereby enhanced our prospects.

Just before the close of school last spring Zumwinkel was elected to the athletic board and to Innocents, the honorary senior society. We also had representatives elected into Phi Delta Phi, Phi Alpha Tau, Kosmet Club, and all inter-fraternity organizations. With "Jumbo" Stiehm (Wisconsin) as all-year athletic coach, Guy Reed (Nebraska) athletic manager and secretary of the alumni association, Prof. Philo Buck (Gettysburg) chairman of the inter-fraternity council, and Professor Frankforter (Nebraska) on the faculty, we are well represented with the powers that be.

This summer the active chapter published a directory and a 32-page annual, a copy of which was sent to each alumni and active member of Gamma Theta, to each chapter in this province, and to the national officers. This is the fifth publication of this nature that the chapter has put out, and the example has recently been followed by other chapters in the province.

While we were separated for the summer the chapter house was remodeled to fit our fancy. Among other improvements was the installation of a shower bath and the piping of heat to the dormitory. New floors were laid throughout on the second floor. All this shows a satisfied landlord and is evidence of our prosperity.

H. W. LOOMIS.

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### WYOMING.

Gamma Psi lost by graduation five of her strongest men—charter members of the chapter. H. S. Rogers graduated with high honors. Fifteen active brothers are expected to return to the university the coming school year. Gamma Psi will have the following "W" men in football: Captain L. N. Rogers, J. Davis, Irwin, Bennitt, Hitchcock and Wilcox. The elections to the A. S. U. W., the organization controlling all student activities in the university, have placed Bennitt, president; J. Davis, vice president; Cobb, general manager; Williams and Rogers, delegates-at-large. Irwin is business manager of the *Wyoming Student*, the weekly paper published by the students. The Agricultural Club has Hitchcock as its president and Bowman its vice president. The Y. M. C. A. elections have made Williams president and Bennitt vice president for the year 1914-15.

On May 15th the Sigma Rho local sorority became Rho chapter of Kappa Delta. This is the third national sorority to enter Wyoming, Pi Beta Phi and Delta Delta Delta being the preceding two.

Gamma Psi initiated five new men, all of whom we are indeed proud.

## PROVINCE IV

## MAINE.

Beta Upsilon lost five good men by graduation, but will not be handicapped during the rushing season this fall, as she will have at least twenty men on hand several days before college opens and the new men will be given the kindest reception.

Of this year's graduates, Crocker is doing landscape work in Belfast; McKenny is assistant postmaster in Orono, and Stevens is working in the experiment station at Moomouth, and will no doubt be located at the university this coming year.

Beta Upsilon was glad to welcome a large number of alumni at commencement and hopes to see as many more at "Maine Night" this fall. Plans are being made to remodel our dining room and it is hoped that this work can be completed by Christmas.

Captain Baker, of this season's football team, is looking forward to a successful year, as a wealth of fast material is on hand to strengthen the veteran team of three championship years. FRED H. CURTIS.

## COLBY.

Although we lost six men by graduation, our chapter now numbers thirty-nine, with strong prospects of returning a strong fighting force in the fall.

Gamma Alpha has been capturing her usual share of honors. Campbell, '15, won the first prize in the junior exhibition; Flanders, '17, the second in the Purington prize speaking, the first in the freshman prize speaking and the third in the Hallowell prize speaking. Pottle, '15, won the second German prize and Pottle, '17, the first freshman scholarship prize, while Jack, '14, was one of the three men elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Campbell, '15; Dyer, '15, and Flanders, '17, were among the speakers in the Murray prize debate. We have been well represented in athletics as well. On the track team were Reynolds, '14; Lord, '15; Stanwood, '16; Rand, '16, and Waldron, '17; Waldron and Reynolds being "C" men. Lafleur, '15, a "C" man, and Harriman, '17, represented us on the diamond. Rand, '15, was elected manager of baseball and Mills, '15, chairman of the athletic council.

On June 19th Haskell, '14, was married to Miss Christine Daggett, of this city. The wedding was held in the church, and was attended by the chapter. This makes the second "victim" this year, Whelden, '15, having "fallen" last February.

On June 23d we welcomed back to our reunion seventeen loyal alumni, of whom two, Tozier and Berry, both of '94, were charter members. We held a rousing meeting, and heard some very interesting anecdotes concerning the chapter in the past. FRED A. POTTLE.



## M. I. T.

The chapter roll of Beta Gamma was depleted by the loss of eight men at graduation last June, leaving us with a nucleus of sixteen men on which to base our hopes for the coming season. Goeth was honored at the graduation exercises by representing the architectural department with a thesis. This is the second successive year that this honor has come to an A. T. O. Of the graduates, Goeth, Welch and Kerr have good positions in Boston, and we see them around the house quite frequently. Mason, Barnwell, Bowman and Morehouse are located in different parts of the country, continuing the work they took here at the institute in practical lines. Sweet and Barnes have not started in as yet, but expect to accept positions in the fall.

We were particularly fortunate not to lose any one as a result of the annual "weeding out" process in June. In activities we are still getting our share. Spear, '15, in addition to election to the Senior Society, is chairman of the finance committee of the institute and president of the Chemical Society. Wood, '15, is secretary of the finance committee, and holds a class office. Gardner, '17, has been elected to the managership of the sophomore relay team. Buxton, '16, is to manage the incoming freshman football team. Marine and Simmons are sure to be among our representatives in the musical clubs.

On Saturday, May 23d, at the Hotel Westminster in Boston, Beta Gamma held her farewell banquet to the seniors. All the seniors had a few words to say about the benefits which they had derived from the associations made possible by Alpha Tau Omega. Province Chief Macomber left a message with us upon which we could meditate a long while.

In view of the moving of the chapter to Cambridge, Massachusetts, when the institute is moved, a corporation headed by Macomber, Packard, Nichols, and assisted by Hubbard and Welch, has been formed to act in conjunction with the alumni committee of the institute. The ultimate aim is to erect our new house "across the river."

The house is undergoing a thorough renovation from cellar to roof in the way of painting, papering and new furnishings, so that we hope to make a first-class appearance in the fall. This summer we had at the house eight men who kept things alive by running a tennis tournament and "doing" the nearby beach resorts. We had several visitors at the house since the close of the school year, among whom were Farley, Cornell, '10; M. Sweet, M. I. T.; P. C. Howes, Worcester, and two Kansas State men. The boys in going around town have met A. T. O.'s from all parts of the country, and we should like to see any and all of them at the house.

PAUL H. BUXTON.

## TUFTS.

We lost six men on commencement. The class day program went off very smoothly and great credit is due to Hodges, '14, chairman of the committee, whose efforts were well appreciated.



The senior farewell dinner at the house was a great success. It was featured by snappy speeches by both alumni and undergraduates and the talks of the parting brothers, Porter, Geer, Stafford, Hodges, Bennett and Ford, were interesting, indeed. Bathrick is to be back with us for another year.

Most of the active chapter and also several alumni, all with ladies, spent May 30th and 31st at Riverhurst on the Concord. The weather was excellent, so they spent most of their time in canoes. Dancing proved an equal drawing card in the evenings.

Burritt, '15, has been elected to Tower Cross, the honorary senior society; Fairbank, '16, to Ivy, the junior society; and Turner, '17, and Symmes, '17, to Sword and Shield, the sophomore society; Symmes having been elected president of his society for the coming year.

Those living at the house will miss the genial companionship of Nelson, '11, who has been living here during the last year; for, on August 8th, he was married to Miss Ella M. Bryan, of Cincinnati.

Those in the chapter who knew Bennett, '14, will always remember him as one of our best representatives. During his four years in college and active membership in this fraternity, he has been admired by all who knew him. He was a leader in academics as well as in athletics, twice receiving the prize scholarship for the student who best exemplifies the combination of ability in athletics and excellence in scholarship, the most prized scholarship offered by this institution.

E. B. STOWELL.

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### WORCESTER.

The best event that Gamma Sigma has to report at this time is the pledging last May of Prof. Arthur D. Butterfield, a graduate of Worcester in '93 and now one of the most energetic and beloved members of the local faculty. Professor Butterfield is secretary of the general alumni association of his alma mater, and his ceaseless and untiring efforts during a year's leave of absence are responsible for the pledging of \$200,000 by the alumni for the new athletic field and gymnasium. The initiation of Professor Butterfield into Alpha Tau will strengthen the fraternity and will do much toward giving Gamma Sigma the ideal chapter she seems to be evolving.

The chapter lost by graduation in June four popular brothers, C. F. Fritch, D. W. Ormsbee, H. L. Tilton and P. C. Howes. Tilton was a member of both honorary societies, Sigma Xi and Tau Beta Pi, and Fritch was a member of Tau Beta Pi. Fritch and Ormsbee were members of Skull, the senior society. In addition to these honors, these men held many places of trust in the senior class. Fritch was chairman of the commencement week committee, president of the Rifle Club, on the *Aftermath* board, and with Taylor was runner-up in the doubles tennis

tournament. Tilton was also on the commencement week committee, and was editor-in-chief of the *Aftermath*. Ormsbee was president of the Mechanical Engineering Society, editor-in-chief of the *Tech News* and one of the class prophets. Gamma Sigma is sorry to lose these loyal brothers, but nevertheless expects to start the year with a strong and well-balanced chapter.

In the spring election, Crippen and Hasleton were elected to Skull. Crippen also made Tau Beta Pi, is president of the Mechanical Engineering Society and business manager of the *Journal*, the official school publication. Davidson is a member of the *Aftermath* board. At the election of managers, Warner received the baseball managership, and Pomeroy was elected assistant manager. Pomeroy has also been chosen as assistant editor of the *Journal*. Dunbar, Daniels and Stone played on the varsity baseball team, the former at first base and the two latter comprising the battery. Farnsworth is vice president of the Y. M. C. A., and he and Darling are on the Y. M. C. A. cabinet. Darling is also associate editor of the *Tech News*.

Wright intends to enter Brown this fall, and Bailey will not return until mid-years. The last house dance of the year was held the Tuesday of commencement week, Chase, of Purdue, being a guest of the chapter at it.

CLINTON S. DARLING.

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### BROWN.

This year Brown University celebrates its 150th anniversary and in every department of the college there is marked activity. A large entering class is expected and Rhode Island Gamma Delta will be, by no means, slow in pledging a large freshmen delegation. At the sub-freshman banquet we obtained a very good start and pledged four men, besides getting a good line on some other promising material. We lost three good men by graduation, Bagnall, Brown and Tewhill. Bagnall and Brown will probably enter the business world, while Tewhill expects to continue in athletics, in which he is so successful.

All the men return to college after the summer vacation.

R. E. STAPLES.

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### VERMONT.

Beta Zeta is looking forward to the ensuing college year with much anticipation and interest, for with the ushering in of the first semester we likewise introduce a system of rushing that has never been tried before in Vermont. The men's fraternities have united and formed "The Inter-Fraternity Conference of the University of Vermont," which purposes to promote the interests of the said university and of the several fraternities represented therein, to insure co-operation among

the fraternities, and between them and the college authorities, to the end that the conditions of the fraternities and their relations with the college authorities may be improved. According to the system of rushing adopted by this conference, the time between September 16th and November 3d shall be neutral and no freshman or sub-freshman shall be spoken to regarding fraternity matters. November 3d, 4th and 5th shall be open for rushing and November 6th, beginning at 3.30 P. M., for pledging.

Whether such a system can be successful in Vermont remains to be seen. However, Beta Zeta is ready to do her utmost in supporting and carrying out the good cause.

In June we lost six brothers by graduation. Gaylord received a Phi Beta Kappa key for his four years of manly toil in the chemistry department.

At our annual alumni banquet held in the chapter house June 24th we were honored by the presence of sixteen grads. Tupper acted in the capacity of toastmaster, while G. W. Bailey, H. A. Hagar, J. M. Evans, F. S. Sykes, G. M. Page, L. M. Phelps, R. R. Bogie, N. Merrill and F. E. Dodge responded to toasts. Especially glad were we to have Dodge, '89, one of our charter members, with us. The principal topic of the evening was the discussion of the buying of a chapter house. In a very few years we have great hopes of owning a house instead of renting one.

During the summer Murdock, '12, and Spaulding, ex-'14, visited us.

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## PROVINCE V

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### ST. LAWRENCE.

Since the last letter Alpha Omicron has advanced with ever increasing strides. We have received many more college honors, besides accomplishing much for chapter welfare. The fellows have taken a great interest in the repairs contemplated for the house and to make them possible have asked that the room rent be raised. This the house committee has done. More than that the members of the active chapter have each signed notes for ten dollars each, payable at the end of every year for ten years. In this way every man will pay one hundred dollars toward the house fund, forty of which will be paid while in college.

By means of this added money, together with recent subscriptions of the alumni, work has already been started and is well under way for a new heating plant and new electric wiring for the chapter house.

Among the college honors we have secured since the last letter are several of considerable prominence. Cheritree is chairman of the Debating Council for next year. Scribner is editor-in-chief of the *Laurentian*, and Slocum is business manager. Oatman is associate editor of the *Hill News*. Sutton and Taylor are assistants. Cheritree is advertising



manager and Moore is circulation manager. Fox and Leonard are assistants. Hutchins took the leading part in the college play this year and Cheritree was manager of the production. Benjamin is chairman of the honor court. McDonald was chairman of the junior prom committee. Loveless and Moore are assistant managers of football this fall, and Benjamin has earned the managership of baseball for next year, with Oatman as assistant.

The thirty-second annual alumni banquet was held at the chapter house on Monday evening, June 8th. After the dinner, toasts were responded to by H. M. Conkey, '99; D. E. Timmerman, '12; Hon. C. S. Ferris, '88; J. C. Dolan, '96; A. J. Fields, '00, and F. E. Dexter, '14. Other alumni present were Prof. R. D. Ford, '85; C. H. Gaines, '00; B. S. Stevens, '99; J. W. Benton, ex-'99; F. F. Williams, '12; J. D. Woods, ex-'12; H. F. Landon, '13; C. B. Olds, '12; S. T. Williams, '13; C. B. Olds and J. D. Griffin, '13.

H. S. SUTTON.

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#### CORNELL.

The chapter lost only five men by graduation this June, and although we shall feel their absence, the prospects are good for the year 1914-15 to be a banner one for Beta Theta. At this writing it is too early to say how many brothers will be back in the fall, but it is expected about thirty will return.

Plans are under way for a general chapter reunion to be held on October 23d and 24th, and it is hoped to have a large number of our alumni with us on those dates. Rushing commences on October 3d. This year, by the way, is likely to be the last one of "first term" rushing. The Delta Upsilon chapter will take up "second term" bidding, at least this year, and there is a strong undergraduate feeling that there will be "second term" rushing and bidding in 1915-16.

With the football season close at hand we hope to see Kleinert and Gilbert on the gridiron. Kleinert was out of school last fall, but should make them all hurry to keep him on the sidelines.

H. C. KELLERAN.

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#### MUHLENBERG.

June 18th closed one of the most successful years in the history of Alpha Iota. Throughout the year the Taus played an important part in the college activities and commencement time proved no exception. In the annual college play, "The Million" (which, by the way, was the most successful production given by the "Que and Quill" for many years), H. Fry, Reisner, Schout and Hartzell had prominent parts. C. Gebert was one of the business managers.



The newly organized baseball team made a splendid showing by winning a majority of the games played. The excellent work of Witmer, Berry and Casky did much to make this record possible. Miller was elected track captain for next year.

As usual Alpha Iota received its full share of commencement honors. For the past few years two out of the four honor men have been Taus and this year proved no exception. This time it was H. Fry and Unangst who received this coveted honor. The latter besides being valedictorian also received the senior prize for the best essay in philosophy. Keiter won the junior English prize and Snyder was second in the junior oratorical contest.

The fraternity held two distinctively frat affairs during the week. The one was an alumni luncheon tendered by the active chapter to the "old boys." This proved to be particularly enjoyable because of the large number of the brothers that were back for commencement. The other was an auto excursion to Sand Spring Park, where the active chapter entertained their friends with dancing.

The chapter's prospects for next year are very bright. Twenty-six of the brothers will be back next fall and as a class of seventy-five freshmen is expected we ought to have great things to report in our next letter.

C. LUTHER FRY.

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#### WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

The year which ended June 25th was a most successful one for Alpha Phi. Although we had only four members back when the school year opened, yet they took hold of the work with a determination to succeed, and consequently the results were very satisfactory. We already have two men pledged, one a junior and the other will enter school this fall. We also have a line on several new men.

We lose three valuable men through graduation: Black, who will go into the oil business; McClellan, who will enter Jefferson Medical College, and Springer, who has accepted a position as athletic director and professor of History in a local high school. McDowell, who on account of illness was unable to complete his course, will be with us for at least one term next fall.

We closed the college year with a house party which lasted through the commencement week. Nearly all the active members attended, and the following alumni were present: McBryar, Marshall, Tuite, Tanner, Springer, Hanson, McKee, Lane, Ritchie, Knox and Kennedy. The affair was a decided success.

In the inter-fraternity baseball league we had many close and exciting games which added much interest to the hot spring months.

Percy E. Drew was elected editor of the 1916 *Pandora*.

All indications foretell that the coming year will be even more successful for Alpha Pi than the past year.

T. E. McMILLAN.

## LEHIGH.

The close of the college year finds Alpha Rho in good condition. We shall have ten men back to begin the new year. With this nucleus we should have a flourishing chapter.

On the last Friday night of the college year the annual banquet was held at the New Merchants Hotel, South Bethlehem. Province Chief James S. Truman acted as toastmaster, and Rev. Paul R. Hickok Chairman of the High Council, was the chief speaker. Quite a number of the alumni were present.

Besides keeping up their scholastic work, the brothers have been quite active in college affairs. Cahall was elected athletic representative for the junior class, while DeLaney received the same office in the sophomore class. Blank was on the June hop committee; Cahall made Sword and Crescent, and Raine was elected president of the Y. M. C. A.

Several of the alumni stayed at the chapter house during commencement. This was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the members of the chapter, as it is the only way to become thoroughly acquainted with the present condition and needs of the chapter.

During the past few months we have had visits from Ainey, Martin, Turner, Haller, Reno, Smull, Raine, White, Faison, H. N. Kiefe, Hart, O. H. Smith and Hauser.

J. W. RAINE.

## GETTYSBURG.

The commencement banquet, in the number of alumni present and in the amount of enthusiasm displayed, far surpassed any previous one in the history of Alpha Tau Omega at Gettysburg. A new chapter house was the principal subject of discussion and before the toastmaster called for adjournment, the house association had been reorganized and there was subscribed an amount which exceeded all expectations. During the summer a letter campaign was carried on among the alumni who were not at the banquet, but the results were not very encouraging. At the present time the plans and specifications for the new house are in the hands of the contractors and work is expected to begin on the actual construction this fall.

The chapter held its annual fall house party at Pen Mar, a beautiful summer resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains, during the week of September 7th. A large number of alumni joined with us.

At the June meeting of the board of trustees of the college, Dr. P. D. Hoover, of Waynesboro, Pa., was elected a member.

RAYMOND CARLSON.

## PENN STATE.

Gamma Omega closed her past year of study with a very creditable showing. The scholarship was good, a large majority of the brothers having no conditions whatever, and everybody passing.

In college activities the chapter was decidedly prominent in musical affairs, Sumner being the leader of both the band and orchestra, while Crawford, Clapp, Powell and Snyder belonged to both organizations. Dawson and Miller played in the Thespians, Miller having a leading part. Lamb was on the varsity team in football, wrestling and track; Pickett was on the wrestling squad and a member of the track team; Lewis also was on the track squad. Fair played on the freshman football team, and later was chosen manager of the class lacrosse team; Wunderly was manager of the 1916 basketball team; Bishop, of the varsity squad, played on the 1916 basketball team, and Easby on the 1916 soccer team.

The house party at commencement was declared a success by all, the week being completely filled by college and social festivities, and the chapter seems to be starting very successfully on its social career.

Gamma Omega lost several of her best men by graduation, especially along musical lines, Sumner, Crawford and Clapp all being among the members who graduated; but she hopes to replace these from the new freshman class, which gives promise of having many excellent men.

A movement toward a new house has been started, and by means of the note system, employed at other chapters, this should be accomplished in the near future.

JOHN P. EASBY.

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## PENNSYLVANIA.

Another agreement has been entered into by the Greek-letter fraternities at Pennsylvania, governing the rushing and pledging of freshmen, to take effect at the opening of the coming collegiate year. It differs from the last agreement in that the fraternities are unanimous in their acceptance of it, and all rushing and pledging is absolutely prohibited until the second month of the second term.

The numerous agreements in the past have failed because of lack of co-operation, and inasmuch as all chapters are signatories and the agreement has the approval of the Provost and the faculty, it is to be hoped the present one will be permanent.

The chapter gave a dinner to its alumni on the evening of May 30th, at which the building committee instructed the members of the chapter of its work and their plans for the summer and fall of 1914.

The football committee of the Athletic Association has announced the appointment of James Dwyer as trainer of the varsity and Louis A. Young as coach of the freshman football team.

Penn Tau will lose the following men by graduation: Louis Alonzo Young, William Reynolds, Keeny Mitchell and Otto Frederick Schwegler, all of Philadelphia.

JOSEPH P. REPLOGLE.

## PROVINCE VI

## TRINITY.

North Carolina is opening the present term under most favorable circumstances. With about ten men returning, and with one man, a senior, already pledged to us, we consider ourselves in fine shape for a banner year in 1914-15. E. S. Savage, the senior who is pledged to us and will probably become one of us during the first few weeks of school, is a strong addition to us in every way.

In so far as holding honors is concerned, our chapter this year will make a most excellent showing. Thorne has been elected captain of the basketball team and Matton will this year hold down the captaincy of the track team. The managership of the track team is also held by an A. T. O. The *Chronicle*, the Trinity weekly, is to be edited this year by one of our men. We are glad to note, too, that Alderman, who edited the *Chronicle* two years ago, will be with us again this year in the law school.

FRANK B. BROWN.

## CHARLESTON.

Beta Xi opens the new year with eight old men back, and the prospects for the coming season are the brightest which we have experienced in some time. The freshman class contains some excellent material, and, having weeded out the good men from the "lemons," we have set about our "rushing" with a vim. Already several parties have been scheduled, and the alumni, as well as the chapter, are primed for increasing our small number, consisting of one senior, three juniors and four sophomores.

Owing to the abandonment of football, interest is now centered on basketball and track, and Pinckney and Rivers (captains) have mustered their squads and will begin practice at once. Several A. T. O.'s are out for the teams, and doubtless Beta Xi will be well represented.

Several brothers are looking forward with anticipation of much pleasure to attending the Nashville Congress this Christmas, and the alumni also expect to be well represented.

THOS. D. LEBBY, JR.

## VIRGINIA.

Virginia Delta closed a most successful year and is looking forward to the opening of college in September. We had the pleasure of having many of our alumni back for finals. The following Alpha Taus received their degrees this year: J. E. Swepston, B. A., and F. B. Tucker, B. A.; C. A. Davidson, B. S. and M. S.; and Hugh Benet, M. E.

We expect to lose only three of these men, as Swepston hopes to return for his M. A. Tucker is going to Japan for two years to teach in one of



the Imperial schools. Davidson and Benet are going to start in their professions. They all carry the best wishes of the chapter in their new work.

In the social world the chapter has to acknowledge Davidson the leader, who has become so proficient in the new dances that he has been instructing all the fair dames of Charlottesville in the art. However, there is a rumor that E. N. Tucker has been taking lessons this summer and will probably lead all of our germans next year.

ELLIS N. TUCKER.

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## PROVINCE VII

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### MOUNT UNION.

The ending of the school year last June found Alpha Nu in auspicious circumstances, both in matters relating to the chapter and in scholastic standing. All the men stood well in their classes and some received honors. Fletcher was elected assistant editor of the *Dynamo* and Unger was awarded the junior scholarship prize.

Vandegrift, Stauffer, Morgan, Unger, Bradshaw and Dennis attended summer school and the house was occupied during the summer months by brothers working in the city. The annual chapter reunion was held August 3d and was attended by all the active chapter and a number of the alumni.

From all indications the coming year will be a very successful one, for although we lose heavily by graduation and failure to return to school, we expect to have about fourteen men back at the beginning of school. Our prospects in "rushing" seem promising and we already have a line on a number of men who will enter college next year.

We have had a number of visitors lately among the alumni, especially during the commencement season, and were especially favored by a visit from Province Chief Thompson. We are always glad to welcome any brothers who may be passing through the city and drop in upon us.

J. O. WOODS.

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### WITTENBERG.

Alpha Psi closed the past school year in a very satisfactory as well as enjoyable manner.

On Friday, May 29th, we entertained with a picnic and dance attended by about forty couples. On June 9th we entertained with a smoker which was voted as the best of the year. About sixty-five were present, including many out-of-town men and alumni. On June 29th we gathered together for a stag party. Among the out-of-town visitors was Pete, of Delaware.

Among the alumni who were back for commencement week were Keyser, Body, Dressler, Funderburg, Beach, Dunkle and Shearer.

We were favored by a very agreeable visit from Province Chief Thompson on June 8th.

The chapter at present is in fine financial condition; in fact, it might be said the best in its history. The outlook for material for next year is very promising and, indeed, all conditions appear most favorable for the coming year.

J. VIRGIL CORY.

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### OHIO WESLEYAN

Returning with fifteen old men and three pledges the future at Beta Eta looks extremely bright. Every one seems to be filled with enthusiasm and a determination to keep A. T. O. in the foremost place of the fraternity in the college, while the addition of the pledges assures a strong chapter. Ohio Beta Eta's ranks were depleted by the loss of several invaluable brothers. Lawrence Carpenter, D. G. McRae and Paul B. Parks were lost by graduation, while G. V. Fuller will not return, but will attend medical school at Johns Hopkins University. Paul B. Parks especially deserves worthy mention, for, besides graduating in voice, music and art courses, he was honored by having the Slocum prize bestowed upon him, which is the highest honor which Ohio Wesleyan University can present to a graduate.

Owing to the new system of enrollment by which all freshmen students enroll during the summer, we are able to foresee the largest enrollment in the history of the university.

The plan of Coach Dixon in making a systematic campaign throughout the State for high school athletes has succeeded in placing athletics on a firmer and more systematic basis than ever before.

We will be represented on the football team by Potts, Kapp, Baker and Batterfield, who undoubtedly is touted as the most promising quarterback in the State.

Extensive improvements have been made about the house during the summer months which has changed and helped its appearance immensely. Our visitors during graduation week were Cleland, of Cleveland; Horn, of Lorain; Lingo, of LaRue; Peet, of Richwood; Hyer, of Columbus; Geesy, of West Unity, and Potts, of Cleveland.

GLENN D. MITCHELL.

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### PROVINCE VIII

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#### KENTUCKY.

Mu Iota completed in June a most successful and prosperous year. Of seventeen brothers, fourteen finished without a failure. Seven of

our men were graduated, Strong and Nollau with honors. All these men have obtained responsible and promising positions.

Mu Iota has never produced a great number of athletes in any one year, but we have claimed some of the most brilliant individual athletes in the history of the institution. This year Tuttle was heralded as the best varsity man in the university and picked by many prominent coaches as the greatest halfback developed in the South. Venable captained the freshman team and we were well represented on the various class teams.

Wallace and Tuttle made the senior honorary society, Lamp and Cross, and Tuttle also made the agricultural fraternity, Alpha Zeta. Hamilton was a charter member of the new Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity and was this chapter's first delegate to their national convention.

Our prospects for the coming year are bright and we hope to maintain the high standard set by our predecessors. We will return thirteen men, four seniors, one junior, six sophomores and two pledges, who will be initiated in September. We have retained our present house for the next year.

The ensuing year will see two notable additions to the university: A Commons, where the best board can be obtained at cost, and a School of Journalism, headed by one of Kentucky's foremost editors and offering in four years a full and comprehensive course.

The chapter looks forward with high anticipation to the Congress at Nashville, each brother having signified his intention of attending.

W. O. BRUNING.

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## UNION.

In the final examinations the latter part of May our chapter made a creditable record, slightly above the average, considering each member individually. The best debater's medal and the loyalty medal of the Apollonian Literary Society were awarded to D. T. Henderson and G. S. Koffman, respectively. This was one of the best years of Beta Tau's history.

As September gradually approaches, the prospects of another successful year for Beta Tau beams all the brighter. We lost but one man by graduation, and now have the assurance of returning practically all of our old men. D. T. Henderson, who graduated in June, was a good scholar, an active collegian, and an enthusiastic Alpha Tau. His loss will surely be felt. He is contemplating entering some university this fall for the purpose of equipping himself for the profession of law.

In the athletic phases of college activities our chapter will be well represented. Edward ("Cy") Young is manager and W. R. Puryear captain of the football team, and Shoaf is president of the Athletic Association for the year. Lusk, Puryear and Warren, members of last year's varsity

eleven, will likely retain their old positions. Other brothers may share gridiron honors.

We have three men on the executive committee of the Students' Council, together with the vice presidency of the Council. Paul Savage is business manager of *Cardinal and Cream*, our weekly paper.

Taken as a whole, Beta Tau seems destined to play a prominent part in the activities at Union and enjoy a most successful year.

W. A. SHOAF.

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#### SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN.

When the doors of the Southwestern Presbyterian University closed for the season of 1913-14, one of the most successful years in the history of Alpha Tau also came to a close. The past year was marked by several noteworthy events and attainments. When the Clarksville chapter reorganized for the year several things were planned, the chief of which was to obtain the scholarship standing of the university. This we say with pride—we attained. The average for the year was eighty-five, or eight points more than the next competitor.

The individual members also came in for a share of the honors offered by the school. Buschgen won the second prize in Hebrew, Williams received the Greek prize and Bosch the society improvement medal.

We are glad to say that we have lost only one brother by graduation. This leaves us with a good corps of workers for the next year. While the hall of the chapter was thoroughly remodeled during the past year, yet there are many other improvements which will be made during the next session. Alpha Tau means business and you will hear more about us.

A. BOSCH.

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#### SEWANEE.

Alpha Tau Omega took a very prominent part in the commencement activities at Sewanee. On May 30th we gave a dance at the chapter house. During commencement week a smoker, followed by an informal meeting, was given for the A. T. O. alumni who had gathered on the mountain. There were present nine visiting and three resident alumni, besides thirteen of the active members. A most enjoyable and (to the younger brothers) instructive hour was spent. After Ward had given an account of Tennessee Omega's splendid progress during the last three years, the older brothers in their turn related chapters from the history of the Tennessee Omega of old times. Of particular interest was the account which John Lovell, of Baltimore, gave of his part in the establishment and early struggles of the chapter.

Every A. T. O. who heard the fine address of the Rev. Ze Barney Phillips, of St. Louis, to the S. M. A. graduates recognized in him a brother



of the most loyal kind. At the installation of Vice Chancellor Knight, B. F. Finney, of Savannah, made the welcoming address of the associated alumni of the university.

But it was not only the reminiscences and the honors and glories of the past that our alumni brothers had to enjoy. We younger men rounded off the most successful year the chapter has had in a long time, with a fitting list of honors.

On the baseball team, the Glee Club and the literary societies alike the fraternity was well represented. Reynolds won the cup in the hare and hound races. Schneider and Reynolds both stood high in the declamation contest. Holmen's orchestra furnished excellent music for most of the commencement dances. Of the six medals and prizes presented at the graduation service, A. T. O. carried off three, besides one honorable mention. Bull won the prize for Old Testament History; Ward, the Hebrew medal, and Hinman, the French medal. F. Morris received honorable mention for having made the highest yearly average ever attained in the university. H. Morris held second place for the year with Ossman not far behind.

Although the prospect for next year is bright, we lose by graduation three of our strongest and oldest men—Bratton, Bull and Ward. The latter expects to continue his theological course at the General Seminary in New York. Bratton and Bull will take up their work in the ministry this fall.

HERBERT B. MORRIS.

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### TENNESSEE.

The session that closed shortly after the last letter was written is generally regarded by both active and alumni members of Tennessee Pi as the most successful year in the history of this chapter. Last year we did at least our full share of the work in all the various branches of student activities from athletics to the literary societies. In a social way, we had a most pleasant year, giving several entertainments in both semesters. Taken from whatever point of view, in fact, little was left to be desired.

From all indications, we are led to believe, that, at the close of the next university session, the chapter of 1914-15 will not suffer by comparison with that of 1913-14. Our representation will probably be the smallest in athletics, but even at that we have in the person of Kelly the highest honor that can be bestowed on a college athlete—the captaincy of the varsity football squad. Besides the brothers who hold places of trust in the many various student organizations, we have the cream of the positions connected with the university publications—the editor and business manager of the *Volunteer*, the college annual. Vic Klein was elected manager of the 1915 baseball squad just before the close of school. The literary societies, agricultural club, military department and honorary

fraternities all count our brothers among their most active workers, and the newly organized and thriving tennis club has been enthusiastically supported by several of this chapter. One of our pledges is an excellent tennis player and is expected to make his mark as an intercollegiate player within the next two or three years.

For the first time in three years, we did not move our quarters, being more than satisfied with our present house. It was owing to the excellent dancing floor of this house that we were able to give last winter several informal—and therefore delightful—dances. Toward the end of last year a movement was set on foot to start a house fund, and, although there was not time enough left to complete the necessary details, sentiment was so strongly and unanimously in favor of such a fund that we shall no doubt be able to inform the PALM readers by December as to the plan adopted and the amount then raised.

ARTHUR P. WHITAKER.

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## PROVINCE IX

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### STANFORD.

Last semester was a very excellent one for Beta Psi. Her men were active and successful in most of the college activities, as has been published in previous issues of the PALM, and at the same time made a very creditable showing in scholarship.

This coming semester we will start with a larger active chapter than we have had hitherto and we hope with our new house and new location to enjoy the most prosperous year in our history. During this semester and the one following we hope to see many of our brothers at Stanford, attracted to San Francisco and its vicinity by the Panama Pacific Exposition.

Holmes, a few days before finals, caught his thumb in the joiner of the pattern shop and had it torn off just above the joint. This caused a very painful wound and kept him from finishing his work, which he will have to make up this semester.

At the last commencement in May, H. C. Harding graduated in economics and W. Hastings in electrical engineering. Both are expected to return for graduate work.

BEN C. WILLIAMS.

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### CALIFORNIA.

The beginning of the new college year finds Gamma Iota established at last in her own new chapter house, thus satisfying a long-felt want. The building is three stories and of brick, and is most conveniently located two blocks from the campus in the heart of the fraternity district. Thirty men may easily be accommodated in the house.

The chapter is planning to give a house-warming shortly, which, if the present plans are carried out, will be the big social event of the college year. A "faculty smoker" to follow soon after the house warming will afford the professors an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the chapter and with the chapter house.

Although the fraternity scholarship records have not yet been published, we are confident of finding ourselves among the leaders. We were fortunate in not losing any of our members by the "flunk out" route, and the individual averages were higher than they have been for years.

We very much regret the fact that we lose several of our brothers, among them being Kew, Pardoe, Ballantine and Janney.

The rushing season has hardly commenced yet, but we already have several excellent men wearing the button, and within the week expect to have a number of others. It is announced by the university authorities that a freshman class numbering 1,600 or more is expected to enroll. With so great a number to choose from, we ought to have a bunch of excellent freshmen.

Now that the football season is with us once more, great things are expected from Parker, Newell and Easton. McMullen is a member of the Architectural Association and Rainey was elected to membership in the English Club.

We are glad to note pleasant visits from Drinkwater, Sawyer, Jones, Root, Smith and Fisher.

WILLIAM S. RAINEY.

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## OREGON.

Vacation time as usual finds the members of Gamma Phi so scattered that it is hard to keep them all located. Five men, C. Ash, William Cass, Naylor, Crockatt and R. Ash, stayed at the house for summer school. When the summer session adjourned the boys all went to work. Among the other boys, baseball seems to be the leading occupation of the summer. Telford pitched most of the summer for Walla Walla in the Tri-State League, and was later bought by a team in the Northwest League, so will probably not return to Oregon this fall. Nelson, star first baseman on the varsity, is playing ball and working during his odd moments. Welch, captain-elect of the baseball team, is also gathering in a few easy dollars when he gets a good opportunity. Williams is playing ball in California, but will probably be back at school this fall. Motschenbacher, catcher on the university nine, and all-Northwest player, is working in Klamath Falls, and playing ball also at times.

Among the less talented boys who really have to work, Pack is working on his father's ranch in Idaho; Blackaby is holding down a stool in a bank in Ontario, Oregon; Simpkins and Brotherton are both on farms, Simpkins

near Salem, and the latter near Waitsburg, Washington; White is helping his father who runs a hotel in McMinnville, while Good does the same in LeGrande.

Out of twenty-five men who composed last year's bunch, about fifteen should be back in the harness this fall. Huggins, who stayed out last year, will be back to add strength to the senior contingent. He is a track man with a record of 4.20 in the mile. Several of the fellows have brothers who will be installed as freshmen, and we have about ten pledges, most of whom will show up. With the same house rented and plans made for a new building which will be started this coming year, we are well fixed along that line.

EARL BLACKABY.

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#### WASHINGTON STATE.

At the close of school last June, Gamma Chi lost by graduation Lester Cooke, Robert Fortier, Otis Welsch and Carl Dunn, but with the return to college of seventeen active members in the fall, we expect to have the foundation for one of the most prosperous years in our history. Lester Cooke, '14, ended his four years of track work by being individual point winner in the Northwest Conference Track Meet. Luster McCroskey, '16, established the record of 24.3 in the low hurdles.

A short time before the close of the spring semester an ample building fund was raised among the active members and alumni to remodel the present house with an addition of five rooms. When completed it will be the best house on the campus. One of its special features is that the whole lower floor will be available for dancing.

Amos T. Peterson, '13, has accepted a position as principal of the high school at Boulder, Montana. Six of the boys remained for the six weeks' summer session.

Harry Applequist, '15, and Henry E. Tweed, '16, will be out for the varsity football team this fall.

We have had visits from a few of our brothers from time to time and in stating our appreciation, we can only say that we wish that more would come. We extend the invitation to all.

MARK BRISLAWN.

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#### WASHINGTON (UNIVERSITY).

Our chapter house has been open all summer and consequently we accommodated many of the alums who stopped in town. We find that it is a good plan to have the house open, because four or five of the fellows stayed in the house all summer.

On Regatta Day our crew won handily from California. Three of the brothers participated in the different events; viz., Jim Frankland, stroke



on the first; Carrol Ebright, cox on the second, and Wade Stewart, number two on the second.

Among the numerous parties given on Regatta Day was one given by Gamma Pi on the speed boats Satan I and Satan II. After the regatta the guests were entertained at dinner at the chapter house and at a dance in the evening. The chaperones for the day were Mr. and Mrs. C. Dunlap and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Ridgeway.

We were all sorry to see our crew lose at Poughkeepsie, but we feel worse over the fact that the crew cannot return next year, because it will look like we are quitters. The reason is that the faculty passed a ruling before the race that they could not return until 1917.

The football prospects are bright for a seventh consecutive championship. Charles Smith and Clarence Morrison have a good chance of making a place on the team and are working hard.

BRYANT MACDOUGALL.

## In Memoriam

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FRED EARL GATES OLIN.

(Colorado Gamma Lambda.)

Born April 17, 1895; Died June 20, 1914.

*Requiescat in pace.*

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FRED EARL GATES OLIN.

The following was taken from the summer publication of the Colorado Gamma Lambda chapter:

"A single shadow has been cast across the bright crescent of Alpha Tau Omega by the untimely and unexpected death of one of the most popular members of last year's freshman class.

"Fred Earl Olin died early this summer from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. While at school last spring he had suffered, presumably from the same trouble, but had recovered and returned home in the best of health. Consequently the news of his death came as a severe shock to his friends throughout the State.

"Olin was one of the most brilliant and promising men in the fraternity, and was recognized as a leader by his fellow classmates. He was a big, lovable boy, and his death has caused great sorrow not only among the members of his chapter, but throughout the whole school as well."

# The Directory

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The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was founded at Richmond, Va., on September 11, 1865. It was incorporated January 10, 1879, by and under the laws of the State of Maryland as "The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity of Baltimore City."

*Founders:* Otis A. Glazebrook, D. D., Captain Alfred Marshall (deceased) and Hon. Erskine M. Ross.

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## THE PROVINCES AND ACTIVE CHAPTERS

### PROVINCE I—ALABAMA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, LOUISIANA AND TEXAS.

- E. A. Werner, *Province Chief*, W. Hunter and Mangum Sts., Atlanta, Ga.
- Ala. Alpha Epsilon (1879), Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala. Friday. Peyton Norvell, Jr., PALM Correspondent. Y. G. Stanford, W. M.
- Ala. Beta Beta (1885), Southern University, Greensboro, Ala. Tuesday. Tupper Lightfoot, PALM Correspondent. M. M. Mathews, W. M.
- Ala. Beta Delta (1885), University of Alabama, A. T. O. House, 410 Queen City Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala. Saturday. G. G. Woodruff, PALM Correspondent. W. L. Harsh, W. M.
- Fla. Alpha Omega (1884), University of Florida, A. T. O. House, Gainesville, Fla. Tuesday. W. E. Street, PALM Correspondent. A. P. Buir, W. M.
- Ga. Alpha Beta (1878), University of Georgia, 247 Prince Ave., Athens, Ga. Saturday. H. D. Allen, Jr., PALM Correspondent. W. H. Burt, W. M.
- Ga. Alpha Theta (1881), Emory College, Oxford, Ga. P. W. Quillian, PALM Correspondent. P. W. Quillian, W. M.
- Ga. Alpha Zeta (1881), Mercer University, A. T. O. House, 102 Coleman Avenue, Macon, Ga. Thursday. John Boatright, PALM Correspondent. M. D. Jones, W. M.
- Ga. Beta Iota (1888), Georgia School of Technology, A. T. O. House, 43 West North Street, Atlanta, Ga. Saturday. E. H. Arrington, PALM Correspondent. W. E. Conklin, W. M.
- La. Beta Epsilon (1887), Tulane University, A. T. O. House, New Orleans. La. Saturday, 2d and 4th. Percy Bowles, PALM Correspondent. Henderson Norman, W. M.
- Tex. Gamma Eta (1897), University of Texas, A. T. O. House, 2315 Nueces Street, Austin, Texas. Wednesday, 1st and 3d. R. H. Moore, PALM Correspondent. Robert E. Cone, W. M.

### PROVINCE II—ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN.

F. R. Bott, *Province Chief*, 610 Federal Street, Chicago, Ill.

- Ill. Gamma Zeta (1895), University of Illinois, A. T. O. House, 405 John Street, Champaign, Ill. Sunday. R. E. Hill, PALM Correspondent. R. E. Thomas, W. M.
- Ill. Gamma Xi (1904), University of Chicago, A. T. O. House, 923 East 60th Street, Chicago, Ill. Monday. A. W. Haupt, PALM Correspondent. Leo C. Hupp, W. M.
- Ind. Gamma Gamma (1893), Rose Polytechnic Institute, A. T. O. House, 906 North Ninth Street, Terre Haute, Ind. Monday. Morris McKeever, PALM Correspondent. J. N. Compton, W. M.
- Ind. Gamma Omicron (1904), Purdue University, A. T. O. House, 201 Russel Street, Lafayette, Ind. Monday. J. R. Finn, PALM Correspondent. P. E. Holden, W. M.
- Mich. Alpha Mu (1881), Adrian College, Adrian, Mich. Saturday. Thomas Soule, PALM Correspondent. A. W. Yorke, W. M.
- Mich. Beta Kappa (1888), Hillsdale College, A. T. O. House, 350 North West Street, Hillsdale, Mich. Tuesday. W. S. Harvey, PALM Correspondent. A. B. Calkins, W. M.
- Mich. Beta Lambda (1888), University of Michigan, A. T. O. House, 1023 Oakland Avenue, Ann Arbor, Mich. Thursday. J. Caffey, PALM Correspondent. L. M. Clift, W. M.



Mich. Beta Omicron (1889), Albion College, A. T. O. House, 512 East Michigan Street, Albion, Mich. Saturday. H. S. E. Goodfellow, PALM Correspondent. Milton Young, W. M.

Wis. Gamma Tau (1907), University of Wisconsin, A. T. O. House, 619 Lake Street, Madison, Wis. Monday. Arthur Prussing, PALM Correspondent. Charles T. Anderson, W. M.

PROVINCE III—COLORADO, IOWA, KANSAS, MINNESOTA,  
MISSOURI, NEBRASKA AND WYOMING.

George B. Drake, *Province Chief*, 307 Foster Bldg., Denver, Colo.

Colo. Gamma Lambda (1901), University of Colorado, A. T. O. House, 1229 University Avenue, Boulder, Colo. Monday. R. M. Scotty, PALM Correspondent. W. R. Pearce, W. M.

Iowa Beta Alpha (1885), Simpson College, A. T. O. House, 802 W. Detroit Street, Indianola, Iowa. Thursday. Howard Wright, PALM Correspondent. Chas. Ensley, W. M.

Iowa Gamma Upsilon (1908), Iowa State College, A. T. O. House, 803 Burnett Avenue, Ames, Iowa. Monday. H. G. Roland, PALM Correspondent. G. C. Caywood, W. M.

Kansas Gamma Mu (1901), University of Kansas, A. T. O. House, 1633 Vermont Avenue, Lawrence, Kan. Monday. Guy Waldo, PALM Correspondent. E. W. Wingart, W. M.

Minn. Gamma Nu (1902), University of Minnesota, A. T. O. House, 1018 Fourth Street, S. E., Minneapolis, Minn. Monday. C. W. Cole, PALM Correspondent. John J. Viets, W. M.

Mo. Gamma Rho (1906), University of Missouri, A. T. O. House, 216 Hitt Street, Columbia, Mo. Monday. A. B. Armstrong, PALM Correspondent. T. S. G. Hudson, W. M.

Neb. Gamma Theta (1897), University of Nebraska, A. T. O. House, 2603 O Street, Lincoln, Neb. Monday. W. A. Schumacher, PALM Correspondent. Reed O'Hanlon, W. M.

Wyo. Gamma Psi (1913), University of Wyoming, A. T. O. House, 200 South Tenth Street, Laramie, Wyo. ——— W. B. Cobb, PALM Correspondent. Dorman Bennitt, W. M.

PROVINCE IV—MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND VERMONT.

Alex. Macomber, *Province Chief*, 201 Devonshire St., Boston.

Maine Beta Upsilon (1891), University of Maine, A. T. O. House, North Main Street, Orono, Maine. Monday. F. H. Curtis, PALM Correspondent. R. P. Clark, W. M.

Maine Gamma Alpha (1892), Colby College, Waterville, Maine. Wednesday. Fred A. Pottle, PALM Correspondent. H. S. Campbell, W. M.

Mass. Beta Gamma (1885), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, A. T. O. House, 30 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. Monday. P. H. Buxton, PALM Correspondent. T. F. Spear, W. M.

Mass. Gamma Beta (1893), Tufts College, A. T. O. House, 134 Professors' Row, Tufts College, Mass. Monday. A. B. Porter, PALM Correspondent. H. W. Burritt, W. M.

Mass. Gamma Sigma (1906), Worcester Polytechnic Institute, A. T. O. House, 24 Institute Road, Worcester, Mass. Thursday. C. S. Darling, PALM Correspondent. H. W. Hosmer, W. M.

R. I. Gamma Delta (1894), Brown University, Room No. 16, Caswell Hall, Providence, R. I. Friday. Charles S. Phelps, PALM Correspondent. Charles S. Phelps, W. M.

Vt. Beta Zeta (1887), University of Vermont, A. T. O. House, 216 South Prospect Street, Burlington, Vt. Saturday. H. W. Moore, PALM Correspondent. Robert E. Healy, W. M.

## PROVINCE V—NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA

James S. Truman, *Province Chief*, Owega, Tioga County, N. Y.

- N. Y. Alpha Omicron (1882), St. Lawrence University, A. T. O. House, Canton, N. Y. Saturday. H. Sutton, PALM Correspondent. L. S. Cramer, W. M.
- N. Y. Beta Theta (1887), Cornell University, A. T. O. House, 625 University Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y. Saturday (every two weeks). H. G. Ford, PALM Correspondent. H. C. Kelleran, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Iota (1881), Muhlenberg College, A. T. O. House, 42 South Fourteenth St., Allentown, Pa. Tuesday. C. L. Fry, PALM Correspondent. E. R. Keiter, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Pi (1882), Washington and Jefferson College, A. T. O. House, 383 East Beau Street, Washington, Pa. Thursday. T. E. McMillan, PALM Correspondent. R. W. Thomas, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Rho (1882), Lehigh University, A. T. O. House, 338 Wyandotte Street, South Bethlehem, Pa. Friday. G. Y. Custer, PALM Correspondent. J. W. Raine, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Upsilon (1882), Pennsylvania College, A. T. O. House, North Washington Street, Gettysburg, Pa. Saturday. Carlson Raymond, PALM Correspondent. C. H. Thompson, W. M.
- Penn. Gamma Omega (1914), Pennsylvania State College, A. T. O. House, State College, Pa. \_\_\_\_\_ G. A. McWreath, PALM Correspondent; W. H. Dawson, W. M.
- Penn. Tau (1881), University of Pennsylvania, A. T. O. House, 3614 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Tuesday. J. P. Replogle, PALM Correspondent. A. H. Williams, W. M.

## PROVINCE VI—NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA

Rev. Beverly D. Tucker, Jr., *Province Chief*, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

- N. C. Alpha Delta (1879), University of North Carolina, A. T. O. House, Chapel Hill, N. C. Friday. H. B. Black, PALM Correspondent. Baldwin Maxwell, W. M.
- N. C. Xi (1872), Trinity College, Durham, N. C. Monday. H. L. Sherrod, PALM Correspondent. J. L. Nelson, Jr., W. M.
- S. C. Beta Xi (1889), College of Charleston, Charleston, S. C. Saturday. T. D. Lebby, Jr., PALM Correspondent. T. D. Lebby, Jr., W. M.
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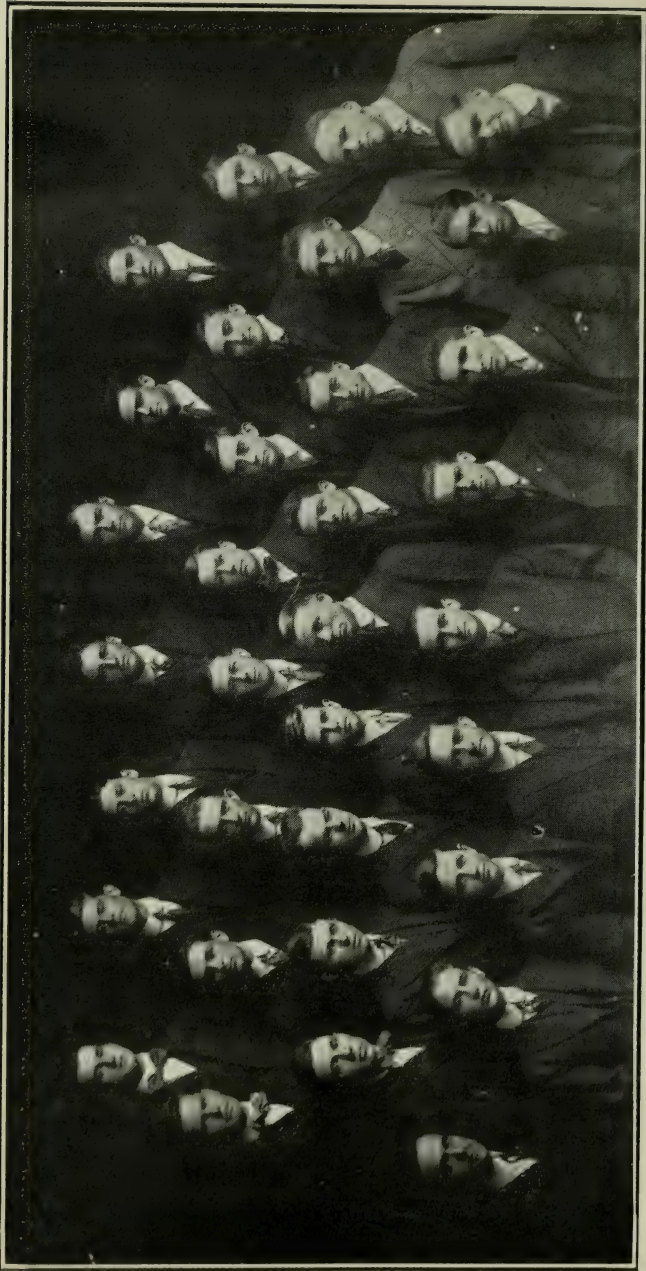
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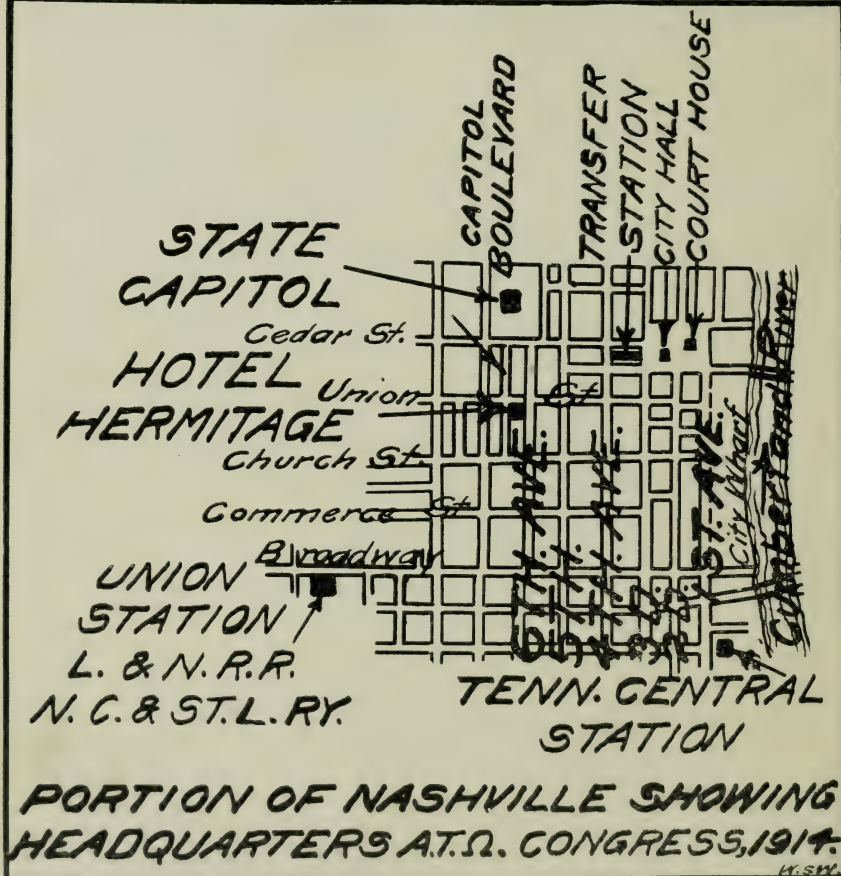
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We are pleased to present the following detailed information relating to the forthcoming Congress. Even a mere glance will produce unwavering conviction of the fact that our Nashville brethren have embraced the opportunity of giving Alpha Tau Omega a record-breaking Congress. The PALM has been in communication with the various committees during the past six months and knows that they have spared neither time nor money to make the event memorable in our annals.

This Congress is the nearest to the fiftieth anniversary of the sounding of the Fraternity and the Congress will therefore be the femi-centennial celebration of Alpha Tau Omega. This fact alone should induce hundreds of Alpha Taus to attend. Indeed, present indications point to, and the committees confidently expect, an attendance of not less than seven hundred Alpha Taus.

As is abundantly shown by the several articles we are here presenting, Nashville is an ideal convention site for Alpha Tau Omega. Situated in one of the richest and most enterprising sections of the South, it is also near the Fraternity's "center of population." It is accessible with comparative ease to all sections of the country and no Alpha Tau within a radius of a day's travel will have a legitimate excuse for non-attendance.

As already intimated Nashville is bound to have the largest Congress of our history. Every active chapter will be represented



*W.S.Whitman.*

by at least one delegate and the PALM hears that many active brothers are planning to attend with their delegates. Indications likewise point to an extraordinarily large representation of delegates of alumni associations. We are told that many associations that have heretofore had no representation, or, at least have

had none in recent years, plan to send delegates to Nashville. Some of these delegates are from associations as far west as Denver. Besides these, there is sure to be a very avalanche of Alpha Taus from Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania, to say nothing of the several score or more who always travel several thousand miles to attend a Congress of Alpha Tau Omega.

The Fraternity's notables will of course attend. The Grand Officers, High Council and Province Chiefs will be there to the man. Although Founder Glazebrook is in Jerusalem, he is altogether likely to attend, as he promised to return for the Nashville Congress before he sailed for his post of duty. A strenuous effort is to be made to induce Associate Founder Ross to take the long journey from Los Angeles to Nashville and, at this writing, the prospects for his attendance are very bright. At any rate, Joseph R. Anderson, the founder of the PALM, lives within hailing distance and his coming is reasonably certain and, of course, the two old wheel horses of Alpha Tau Omega, former Worthy Grand Chiefs A. F. Whitman and R. W. Jones, who reside in Nashville, will be interested spectators of the semi-centennial Congress of the Fraternity they served so well so many years ago. Indeed, it is now believed that every living former Worthy Grand Chief will be in attendance, from Hayes to Martin.

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Wednesday, December 30, 1914.

Morning,	Registration.	
	Business Session.....	10.00 A. M.
Afternoon,	Business Session.....	2.00 P. M.
Evening,	Smoker.....	8.00 P. M.

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Afternoon,	Business Session.....	2.00 P. M.
	The Dansant .....	4-6 P. M.
Evening,	Theatre.....	7.30 P. M.



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## Friday, January 1, 1915.

Morning,	Business Session.....	9.00 A. M.
Afternoon,	Luncheon.....	1.00 P. M.
	Auto Ride.....	2.30 P. M.
Evening,	Ball.....	9.30 P. M.

## Saturday, January 2, 1915.

Morning,	Business Session.....	9.00 A. M.
Afternoon,	Picture .....	2.00 P. M.
	Public Exercises.	
Evening,	Banquet.....	9.00 P. M.

## Sunday, January 3, 1915.

Morning,	Religious Services.....	11.00 A. M.
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## TRANSPORTATION.

At this writing the Southeastern Passenger Association has granted special rates upon the certificate plan as appears from its circular as follows:

To delegates and members surrendering certificate-receipts secured from and executed by agents at starting points December 26, 1914-January 1, 1915, inclusive, signed with ink by Claude T. Reno, Worthy Grand Scribe, and vised by W. M. Hunt, Special Agent, Nashville, Tenn., evidencing the payment of tariff fares from starting points to Nashville, Tenn., and also evidencing their attendance at this meeting, tickets for their return journeys will be sold by the Nashville, Tenn., ticket agents of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway and Tennessee Central Railroad on any date up to and including January 6, 1915, at the following rates:

*Reduced fare returning:* To all stations located on the line of the Tennessee Central Railroad at rate of one-third of the first-class fares then current from Nashville, Tenn., to stations at which certificates were issued, plus 25 cents.

To Washington, D. C.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Louisville, Ky.; Evansville, Ind.; Cairo, Ill., and to all stations south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi River, excepting stations

on the Tennessee Central Railroad, at rate of one-half of the first-class fares then current from Nashville, Tenn., to stations at which certificates were issued, plus 50 cents.

No certificate-receipt evidencing the payment of less than 75 cents for a ticket to Nashville, Tenn., will be honored.

Should a delegate or member enroute to Nashville, Tenn., purchase a ticket to a junction point and there repurchase to Nashville, Tenn., securing a certificate-receipt showing the purchase of each ticket, he (or she) should have each such certificate-receipt duly executed by Claude T. Reno, Worthy Grand Scribe, and vised by W. M. Hunt, Special Agent, and present all such certificate-receipts to the agent authorized to sell the return ticket, which said agent will take up all such certificate-receipts evidencing purchase of tickets covering journey from original starting point to Nashville, Tenn., and sell return ticket through to original starting point at the rate authorized herein.

These rates can be secured in accordance with the following rules:

1. Certificate-receipts and tickets are non-transferable.
2. Certificate-receipts must be presented to ticket agents a sufficient time in advance of departure of trains to permit agents to properly issue ticket and check baggage.
3. Certificate-receipts will not be honored by conductors.
4. No reduced fares or refunds of fare will be accorded to any persons leaving places of meeting prior to the dates upon which special agent may be able to determine as to whether the required number of delegates or members have attended the meeting.
5. *Stop-Overs* on tickets sold under the authority of this tariff will be subject to the regulations of the carriers over whose lines such tickets read in accordance with the regulations contained in the tariffs of such carriers as lawfully on file with the Interstate Commerce Commission.
6. No certificate-receipt evidencing the purchase of tickets at less than regular adult first-class fares will be honored.
7. *Routes.*—A ticket for a return journey will be good only via the route traveled on the going journey as specified on the certificate-receipt.

8. Certificate-receipts will be viséd by a Special Agent only when he is satisfied that two hundred (200) or more persons holding properly executed certificate-receipts have attended the meeting. *EXCEPTION: If the number of properly executed certificate-receipts presented to the Special Agent is less than two hundred and he is satisfied by actual inspection that mileage books, clergy permits or the return portions of round trip tickets are held by some persons who have actually attended the meeting, he will count such mileage books, clergy permits and return portions of round trip tickets as well as the certificate-receipts themselves; and if thus satisfied that two hundred or more persons have traveled to place of meeting by rail, he will visé such properly executed certificate-receipts as may be presented to him.*

It will be noticed that the foregoing rates apply only to stations on the Tennessee Central Railroad, and to Washington, Cincinnati, Louisville, Indiana, Cairo, and to all stations south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi River on other railroads.

Therefore—and *this is very important*—delegates and others coming from points other than those included above should purchase tickets from their homes to one of the above points and there repurchase tickets to Nashville.

Possibly other passenger associations will grant like rates after this number of the PALM is published. *The best plan to follow is to consult the local station agent at your home at least one week before you leave.*

We cannot too strongly urge all members to travel on the certificate plan, even though no particular advantage accrues to them personally. We desire to make a good showing upon the certificate plan, so that hereafter there will be no difficulty encountered in securing concessions from all the passenger associations.

The Southeastern Association comprises the territory east of the Mississippi River, and south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers. Also includes all terminal points of the railroads entering that territory, thus taking in St. Louis, Cincinnati and Washington, D. C. All points in this territory will have the certificate-receipt form of ticket, copy of which is printed with card showing details and necessary instructions, which should be very





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carefully read and obeyed. Full fare is paid to Nashville, taking a receipt from the agent, which is presented at Congress, and a certificate issued by which the reduced fare returning is obtained. The railroads **POSITIVELY** will not grant the reductions unless all the details are complied with to the letter. It will be to the advantage, pecuniarily, of the traveler to travel over the Tennessee Central as much as possible, as the rate is appreciably lower.

Outside of the Southeastern Association, only the usual winter rates will be given. Therefore, the purchaser should buy his round trip ticket to Nashville, and show the return part to the proper officer at the Congress, to enable these within the Southeastern Association to get the reduction, which, it will be noticed, is dependent on the number attending the Congress, and consequently to reduce the railroad fare of every delegate. A receipt for the full fare paid should be turned over to the proper officer at the Congress.

#### THE HOTEL.

The Hermitage will be the Congress Hotel. It is one of the most modern hotels in the country and is far superior to any other southern hotel. It will provide excellent accommodations and will make special rates to all members.

The price of rooms at the Hermitage will be \$2 per man. While there will be plenty of rooms, it will be well to advise the Nashville Alumni Association, and engage rooms in advance, so that they may be fully advised of all possible guests.

All future communications of whatsoever nature should be addressed to Paul Moore, Chairman Congress Committee, care of Cut Rate Tire Company, 912 Broadway, and they will be referred to the proper committees.

The business sessions of the Congress will be held in the large and commodious convention hall on the seventh floor of the Hermitage.

#### PUBLIC EXERCISES.

The public exercises will be held at the State Capitol and as always will be of a high standard. The name of the person who will deliver the address of welcome has not yet been announced. The response will be delivered by Hon. Robert E. L. Saner, Worthy High Chancellor.

The Congress Orator will be Dr. Elias Potter Lyon, dean of the College of Medicine, University of Minnesota. The High Council could not have made a better nor a more popular choice. Doctor Lyon is not only an authority of prominence within his chosen field of endeavor, but he is also one of the men who has given both of time and money for the cause of Alpha Tau Omega. Since his earliest days in Alpha Tau Omega he has been one of its most active workers and has held almost every office within the gift of the Fraternity. He rendered particularly brilliant service as Worthy Grand Chief, instituting many new ideas that have proven of immense value to the Fraternity since his retirement from that office. He has always been a keen and enthusiastic student of general Fraternity problems and his oration is bound to contain a message of great interest.

The Congress Poem will be prepared and read by T. H. Dickinson (Wisconsin Gamma Tau), of the University of Wisconsin faculty. Those who know Brother Dickinson best promise a splendid effort by him.

#### SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENTS.

It will be noted that the committees have prepared an extensive program of social entertainments. Indeed, the time of the delegate and visitor will be consumed in a never ending whirl of business and pleasure. Every opportunity for social entertainment has been embraced and the Nashville visitor will not have one idle moment on his hands.

The social entertainments will be held in various rooms of the Hermitage.

The theatre party will be held at the Bijou, Nashville's leading theatre. The automobile ride will cover all the principal points of interest in and about Nashville, including "Hermitage," the famous home of Andrew Jackson.

The banquet will be held Saturday evening and will be a fitting climax to a week of great festivities. A list of speakers, unsurpassed by any heretofore had, will be provided, among whom will be Hon. Luke Lea (Tennessee Omega), United States Senator from Tennessee, whose dramatic fight for the Senate was the occasion of so much comment throughout the Fraternity several years ago.

## CONGRESS TRAINS.

In the past, delegates from the various sections of the country have always enjoyed the opportunity of traveling to and from Congress together. Accordingly it has become the custom for the respective Province Chiefs to arrange to have the delegates and visitors of their provinces take the same train and doubtlessly this custom will again be followed. We advise those who contemplate attending Congress to get into communication with the chief of the province wherein they reside.

## A VISIT TO MAMMOTH CAVE.

Many of the delegates and visiting brothers will probably wish to see the famous Mammoth Cave in Kentucky either going to or coming from Nashville. The cave is within easy striking distance of that city and our present generation of Alpha Taus may wish to repeat a visit described in the *PALM* on the occasion of the 1892 Nashville Congress. The article follows:

"A party of three, consisting of Brothers E. P. Lyon and Ehle, of Chicago, and Brother Falconer, of Hillsdale, Mich., paid a visit, on their return North from the Columbian Congress to the famous Mammoth Cave, in Edmonson County, Ky., taking the "long trip" on the last day of last year. Of course, the new yell was tested as the party glided, like the shades ferried by Charon over the gloomy Styx, over the wonderful and weird Echo River, and right well it stood the test, for it was long ere the echoes of the hurrahs had wholly died away. College yells were also tested, and the slogans of Cornell, Michigan, and others equally noisy, startled the bats from their winter sleep. Only those who have taken it can realize the unique nature of this trip, with its sepulchral silence, broken only by the sound of the explorers' footsteps or the occasional drip or fall of underground waters, coming no one knows whence and going no one knows whither, and the darkness which seems indeed visible and tangible. On New Year's Day the party took the "short trip" and found new beauties. The demand for the human element, which is so persistent and compulsory with certain classes of people, had left its marks here more than on the long trip. There were state memorials, town memorials and college memorials. Our party added to the list of the

last, monuments to Cornell and Hillsdale, near those to Yale, Harvard, Columbia and others, in Register Hall in Gothic Avenue. And then, as they went along Grand Avenue, they found where Bro. Jack Abbott, of Clarksville, Tenn., and his party had erected a memorial to Alpha Tau Omega. They immediately took it upon themselves to improve and amplify, and now, several miles underground and several hundred feet beneath the surface of the earth, Alpha Tau has the best memorial of them all, consisting of a large pile, a chair of stone, bearing the legend, "A seat for every loyal



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Alpha Tau, every sister and every friend," and a card case. Sigma Nu has an altar, and Phi Delta Theta, Delta Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Alpha and others are represented by simple piles. Our monument will be heard of later. Look it up, when you visit the cave, and you may be sure that you will be amply repaid for the visit, for there can be few experiences more wonderful than a trip miles underground, in an atmosphere which is so invigorating as to banish fatigue, where, for the most part, broods an eternal night and silence, overwhelming one with a sense of weirdness and grandeur which is very like the sublime."



Possibly some one of the brothers who visit the cave this year will write the PALM about the cave, the trip and what remains of the A. T. O. memorial.

#### NOTES.

Brother W. S. Whitman (Tennessee Beta Pi) is the chairman of the committee on publicity and is the proper party to address for further information. He is the son of former Worthy Grand Chief A. F. Whitman and has shown unusual zeal in the performance of the arduous duties laid upon him, and he may be depended upon to give prompt attention to any request. His address is 1408 Ordway Place, Nashville, Tennessee.

The chapters are requested to send one or more chapter pen-nants to Brother Whitman. These will be used to decorate the banquet hall.

The St. Louis Alumni Association is making plans to entertain the Trans-Mississippi delegates in their city for a day en route to Congress. It is altogether likely that St. Louis will put in a bid for the next Congress.

The Nashville Committees are as follows: *Congress*: Paul Moore (Vanderbilt), Chairman; R. W. Jones (Murfreesboro-Union), W. S. Whitman (Vanderbilt), J. M. Foster (Kentucky), J. W. Warner (Vanderbilt), Province Chief W. E. Bolling (Vanderbilt), O. L. Quillian (Emory). *Publicity*: W. S. Whitman, Chairman; J. W. Warner. *Executive*: Paul Moore, Chairman; W. S. Whitman, R. W. Billington. *Finance*: O. L. Quillian, Chairman; R. W. Billington, J. M. Foster. *Entertainment*: Paul Moore, Chairman; J. M. Foster, W. E. Bolling, Thomas Elliott, O. L. Quillian.



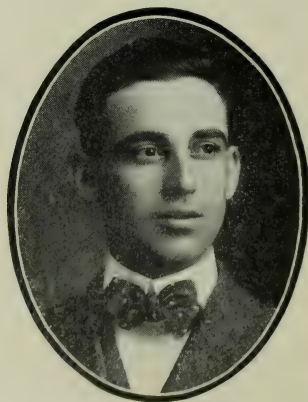
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(Emory)  
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(Province Chief)

THE NASHVILLE COMMITTEES

## NASHVILLE'S CORDIAL INVITATION.

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On December thirtieth will open the semi-centennial Congress of Alpha Tau Omega, at the Hermitage Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee.

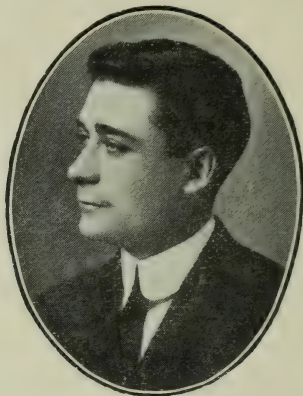
This will be by far the greatest Congress in the history of our Fraternity. Men will be there; young men will attend for the first time, drinking at the fount of Alpha Tau from older ones who have seen Alpha Tau Omega forge steadily onward for half a century, supported by the firm foundation of her basic principles; who have known her to always be in the vanguard of progress without marching away from the bed-rock virtues that have made her life possible; who are proud of their connection with Alpha Tau Omega, and the noble part they have played in her career, and the hours of loving service and sacrifices; men, young still, who have tasted of the joys of an A. T. O. Congress, and have enrolled for the ones to come. It is a time for business and pleasure; for lasting good and for relaxation; for meeting kindred souls and good fellows, new friends and older ones; a place where you will learn that Alpha Tau Omega is not a college man's affair, only, but an influence and an inspiration to the alumnus even more than to the undergraduate; where you will see the past, present and future; pictures and visions; where you will learn from one Congress that you will attend all of the rest.

Alpha Tau Omega was founded when bitterness and hate were uppermost, and love was buried deep; our beloved founder planned to bring men together, and has lived to see the realization. Meeting with our fellow man brings knowledge of him, and knowledge brings love. The biennial Congress of A. T. O. is one of the means to the end sought by Doctor Glazebrook.

Alpha Taus from far and near have assured us that they are coming; some have engaged rooms three months ago. We have perfected our plans to take care of all guests. The headquarters will be at the Hotel Hermitage, with all functions there or close to it. We were very fortunate in securing convenient arrangements within a few blocks, so that delays will not occur between meetings and social affairs.



PAUL MOORE  
(Vanderbilt)  
Chairman Congress Committee



JOHN M. FOSTER  
(Kentucky)  
Finance Committee



W. S. WHITMAN  
(Vanderbilt)  
Chairman Publicity Committee



J. W. WARNER  
(Vanderbilt)  
Congress Committee

THE NASHVILLE COMMITTEES



That prince of Alpha Taus, and a magnetic, lovable fellow, our Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, Max S. Erdman, was with us on October 1st, consulting with the Congress Committee regarding the plans under way. Thirty men from the local association and chapter attended the banquet given in his honor. Those present, without exception, responded to their names, in happy vein, and much enthusiasm was in evidence. Brother Edward Kain (Tennessee Beta Pi, Vanderbilt, '10) made a flying trip from Birmingham to be present and to make arrangements for bringing a large body from Alabama.

Nashville, "The Ideal Convention City," is a city of historic interest and cultured hospitable people; a beautiful city of southern homes and southern people, who have known for ages how to entertain her ever welcome guests. A city large enough to show you hospitality, and not too large to notice the stranger within her gates.

Nashville has two Worthy Grand Chiefs, A. F. Whitman (Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.), Worthy Grand Chief, 1872, presiding at the Congress held here then, and Prof. Richard W. Jones (Union University, Murfreesboro, Tenn.), Worthy Grand Chief, 1874. These men were at the helm when the Fraternity needed a strong hand there and these men guided her through. We want to honor them.

The thirteenth Congress was held here in 1892, three years after the chapter at Vanderbilt, one of the most flourishing, was established.

Nashville opens her arms in loving welcome to the third and greatest.

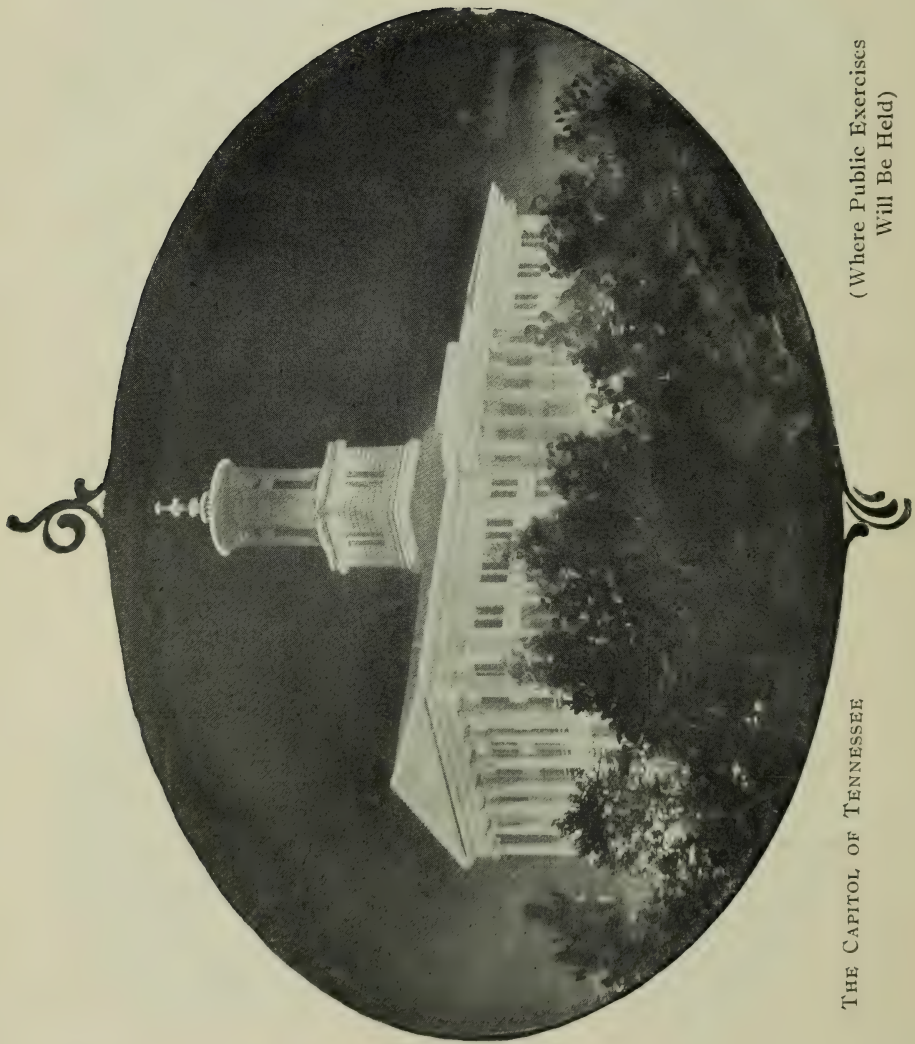
Fraternally yours,

FOR THE NASHVILLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION,

R. W. BILLINGTON, *Secretary*;

W. S. WHITMAN, *Chairman*,

*Publicity Committee.*



THE CAPITOL OF TENNESSEE

(Where Public Exercises  
Will Be Held)

## THE CITY OF NASHVILLE.

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Nashville has had a most eventful history; and as a historical point is famed the world over. James Robertson, at the head of a small band of as brave hearts as ever struggled with man or Nature, left the Watauga and Nolichucky settlements, and settled on the bluffs of the Cumberland, where they were nearly wiped out by the hardships and by the Indians. These pioneer settlers, descended of Revolutionary stock, with that discontent with the smooth walks of life, finding rest in the activity of the westward bound frontier battle line of this land of liberty, left the older settlements for the wilds where the air was freer, and the hardships were all that a fighting stock could demand.

They were woodsmen, expert with the rifle and axe; sturdy Anglo-Saxons with all their virtues, and with their all-conquering battle spirit and enduring persistence. Their descendants, sharpshooters every one, turned the tide for the struggling young nation in 1812, at the battle of New Orleans, where their unerring aim played havoc with the targets of the British Redcoats.

After nearly perishing in their new home, the colony gradually grew stronger and the savages were driven back, and trade sprung up and it began to flourish; the surrounding country even as far south as Alabama sent cotton and other products of the soil to the small town on the Cumberland, to be shipped down the river to New Orleans, and even to England.

After the victory at New Orleans by these Tennesseans under "Old Hickory" Andrew Jackson, and his career as President of the United States, his fame brought scores of famous statesmen to his home, "The Hermitage," twelve miles from Nashville, which became a national center of politics, conventions, and political barbecues. It is said that Henry Clay once spoke at a Whig Convention to ten acres of people.

In the decade before the Civil War, Nashville was deemed by many to be the richest city south of the Ohio River, and in per

capita wealth this was perhaps so. During the war she was next to Richmond as a center of operations, within a radius of 150 miles, forty-three battles being fought, some of which were the most stubbornly fought and sanguinary of the war. The battle of Nashville lasted two days, and was the deciding battle in the



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west, allowing Sherman to continue almost at will to the sea. Markers show the positions of the hardest struggles, among them being Reservoir Hill and Fort Negley, a half a mile away. All of the points of interest can be reached by the street car lines.

The seven knobs of Nashville were fortified by Thomas on the Federal side and by Hood on the Confederate, both West Pointers, classmates, and in the same regiment before the war. On the



second day the lines of the Confederates of the left were broken by a force superior to their whole line, and a retreat to the Tennessee River was begun, and successfully completed.

Tennessee again justified her title, "The Volunteer State," in this war, dividing for what she thought right, furnishing 100,000 troops to the Confederacy, and 30,000 to the Union.

After the war Nashville recovered more rapidly than most of the southern cities, having many natural resources and being well protected by Union troops during the war.

She has never been a boom town. Founded on a rock, literally and figuratively, she has outstripped many of her sisters, who have run the hare's race, and has surely and constantly increased in size, population, and in beauty. Extremely fortunate in her people, who are both the cause and effect of her culture and education, she has remained more nearly Anglo-Saxon and native American than nearly any city of the United States. The results of this are reflected in many ways, among them being the freedom from industrial disturbances, strikes being almost unknown. Certainly there is not that air of unrest due to the disturbing foreign element. Clinging with one hand to the virtues of the Old South, with the other she is bringing to herself the progress of the New, adapting herself to the changing modern conditions with wonderful flexibility. She is a modern city free from sectionalism and petty jealousies. Travelers from the earliest days, her people have brought from the rest of the new and the old world those world treasures which can be shared yet retained, those of learning, culture, ideals of art, science, broadening the mind of their mother, for, though they have often been seized with the wanderlust, most surely have they returned, more eagerly than they have departed.

A city of 135,000, neither scattered nor crowded, a city of homes primarily, yet pre-eminent in many lines of industry, a beautiful city in natural and artificial advantages, the center of the "Garden Spot of the World," Middle Tennessee, Nashville rightfully holds a high rank among the cities of this nation, and possesses many great things no city in the South can ever hope to have.

So favorably situated with the river and the railroads which radiate like spokes from the city, with the wholesaler coming into his own, Nashville has justified her title, "The Gateway to the

South," by the seeming ease with which she has handled large consignments of merchandise. The largest manufacturing concerns in the country have recognized this and have rapidly located their agencies and branch houses here, and have prospered.

Nashville is fast coming to be recognized as the interurban center of the South. The Nashville-Franklin and the Nashville-Gallatin lines are prospering, and at least two more will be in operation in a short time. By this means, Nashville will occupy the central position, or the hub from which will radiate these interurban lines, thereby giving those living within fifty miles of Nashville the advantages of a great city.

More than 650 manufacturing concerns, with an aggregate capital of \$30,000,000, employing 27,000 wage earners and turning out over \$35,000,000 worth of products a year, make Nashville lead every city in the South in the largest number and variety of manufacturing plants. Stoves and hollow ware, furniture, burial cases, show cases, spokes and handles, boots and shoes, harness and saddlery, trunks and valises, brick and builders' materials, cut stone and concrete, fertilizers, tobacco and snuff, flour and meal, packing house products, overalls, hosiery and knit goods, cotton, paper and burlap bags, drugs, chemicals and proprietary medicines, are manufactured in Nashville on a large scale. As an educational, agricultural center, hardwood producing, milling and grain center, Nashville is the greatest and busiest city in the South. Nashville has the only automobile factory in the South; is the largest grinder of soft winter wheat in the world; has more and larger bottling plants; the largest millinery houses and department stores; the greatest electric power for industry, and is the best lighted city. As a live stock, cattle, poultry, peanut and broom corn, hide, wool and metal market, Nashville is the City of the South. Her live stock is known the world over, having taken first prizes in nearly every civilized country. She is the greatest, best and cheapest market for hardwood in the world, the oak being known as mild oak, having fine texture and developing a figure in quartersawing that is the pride of the local lumberman.

More blank books, stationery, publishing and printed matter are made in Nashville than in all the other southern cities combined. Twenty-one banks and financial institutions, with a combined

capital stock and surplus of over \$8,000,000, give Nashville a higher commercial rating than any other southern city except one. Her bank clearings for 1913 were nearly \$370,000,000.

There are two daily newspapers, and about one hundred weekly and monthly periodicals, and to them Nashville owes a great deal of her standing and name in the business world. Ninety-nine universities, seminaries, colleges and public schools make Nashville rank second as an educational center. Twelve thousand pupils came from out of town to school to Nashville in 1913, bringing \$325,000. The greatest of the schools of Nashville is Vanderbilt University. Vanderbilt owes its foundation to the munificence of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who, in 1873, made a donation of five hundred thousand dollars; this was subsequently increased until his entire donation amounted to one million dollars. Since then the endowment has been increased to \$2,500,000, among the largest of these being the donation of Andrew Carnegie to the medical department.

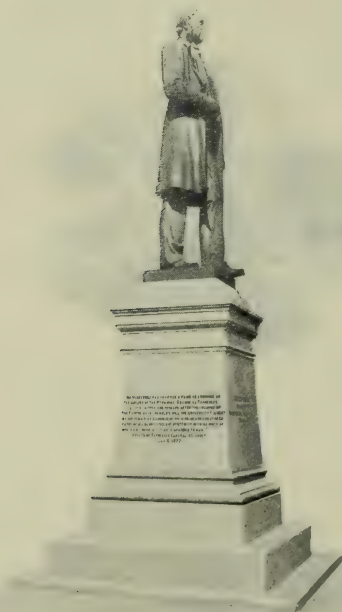
The west campus, on which are located four departments, namely, academic, theological, engineering and pharmacy, comprise nearly eighty acres, well laid out and suitably ornamented, giving it the air of a beautiful park. The medical and dental departments are located in the southern part of the city, near the City Hospital, on a beautiful tract of sixteen acres, on which is a splendid building nearly completed which will be devoted exclusively to hospital purposes. The law department is in its own building in the central part of the city, and has a number of law offices, which share the library of 10,000 volumes. Vanderbilt has raised her requirements in all departments, until she has been placed in class A by Professor Babcock, appointed by the Government as an expert investigator of higher institutions of learning. Her reputation in athletics is widely known. She is fortunate in her location in the "Athens of the South," which is second in the United States as a seat of learning, and in being affiliated with the George Peabody School for Teachers. The record of her alumni is a criterion of her value as a university.

The reflex of Nashville's educational advantages is clearly shown in the high average of education of her population. Her high school graduated over 200 last year from a total enrollment of 1,200.

Nashville abounds in public, law, railroad, school and fraternal libraries. It has a number of attractive and beautiful parks, among these being Centennial, Glendale, Shelby, Watkins and Richland.

Nashville's hotel facilities are ample, and of the highest order for the comfort and convenience of her guests. The Maxwell House, while an up-to-date hostelry, having been remodeled, is one of the historic places of Nashville; started just at the outbreak of the war, it was seized by Federal soldiers, and was known as the Zollicoffer Barracks; the names of the soldiers are still plain on the sills of the upper windows.

W. S. WHITMAN.



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VANDERBILT AND BETA PI.

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On the city's western border,  
Reared against the sky,  
Proudly stands our alma mater—

As we learn from the song, Vanderbilt University is in the western part of Nashville, about a mile and a half from the business district. It is no longer, however, on the "western border," for since the song was written, the city "westward has made its way," until now the western border is a mile or more from the campus.

Vanderbilt, the home of Tennessee Beta Pi, was first conceived of in the fall of 1871, when eight or nine of the annual conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, appointed committees to confer with each other in reference to the establishment and endowment of a Methodist university of high grade. In January, 1872, the several committees met at Memphis, and passed resolutions that measures be adopted looking to the establishment of an institution of learning "of the highest order." In June of the same year, application for a charter was made in Nashville, and it was granted the following August. The university was incorporated under the name of the "Central University of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South." Very slow progress was made in soliciting subscriptions. In March, 1873, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New York City, voluntarily donated \$500,000 toward establishing the university, and its future was assured. In June of that year the charter was amended, and the name changed to "Vanderbilt University."

The board immediately proceeded to acquire a location for the school, and aided by a subscription of \$30,000 from the citizens of Nashville, bought the present beautiful campus of sixty-six acres. The campus is tastefully laid out in walks and drives, and is covered with beautiful trees of every variety, most of which were set out by Bishop McTyeire, the first president of the board of trustees.

At first the university consisted of four departments, academic, biblical, law and medical. A few years later the pharmaceutical, dental and engineering departments were organized. Up to 1887 an academy wherein youths were prepared for entrance to college, was conducted along with the college, but it was abolished in that year.

The year 1900 is an important date in Vanderbilt history, for that was the year Kissam Hall was built. Its erection was made



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possible by a donation of \$140,000 from Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, and it was named in memory of Mr. Vanderbilt's mother, Maria Louisa Kissam Vanderbilt. Up to this time the students were scattered all over the western part of the city, some staying in private homes, some in fraternity houses, and others in the cottages of West Side Row. This handsome dormitory was the means of gathering together the scattered sons of Vanderbilt; it gave them a home, and made Vanderbilt a true "alma mater." Kissam Hall is the heart of Vanderbilt University.

College Hall, the main building of the university, was destroyed by fire in April, 1905. The library was in this building, and many priceless volumes were lost, but heroic action on the part of the students saved most of the books. It was rebuilt the following year, the citizens of Nashville subscribing \$35,000, and Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt donating \$150,000, to the rebuilding fund. The celebrated Vanderbilt tower was built at this time.

In 1911 the old Peabody campus, in South Nashville, was purchased with a special contribution from Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt of \$150,000. This is called the south campus, and is used by the medical and dental departments. It comprises sixteen acres, and has six substantial and well equipped buildings. In the fall of 1912, Mr. Andrew Carnegie donated one million dollars to the medical department. This has enabled this department to expand and enlarge to meet its growing demands. It is rated A+ by the American Association of Medical Schools. Shortly after Commodore Vanderbilt's first donation of half a million dollars, he added another half million, and the subsequent donations of the Vanderbilt family amounted to another million.

The progress of Vanderbilt has been little short of marvelous. It is now in its fortieth year of active work, and though probably the youngest of southern institutions of high rank, it is generally conceded first place. This place was given it by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Two years ago the Department of Education, of the United States Government, appointed Professor Babcock as an expert investigator of higher institutions of learning in the country. After a thorough investigation of these institutions from the standpoint of endowment, and standards of admission and graduation, Professor Babcock put Vanderbilt in Class A. The only other southern institutions accorded this rank were the University of Texas and the University of Virginia. These two estimates by leading experts show the high position now held by Vanderbilt University in the minds of all who are watching the trend of educational development in this country.

Vanderbilt is fortunate in its location in the "Athens of the South," as Nashville has aptly been called. The city of Nashville offers many advantages to students that other cities do not have.



It is the capitol of the State, and the center of one of the most cultured parts of the South. Here the non-resident student soon acquires that easy manner and graceful charm for which the South, and especially Middle Tennessee, is noted. Nashville is the home of many excellent preparatory schools, and schools for young ladies. Foremost of these is "Ward-Belmont," which is a great "drawing card" for Vanderbilt students.

From its foundation Vanderbilt has been a well-endowed and well-equipped institution. In the mind of Bishop McTyeire, there



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was a vision of a real university—a vision that would never have been realized had it not been for the munificent gifts of Commodore Vanderbilt. These two great men, and the first chancellor of the university, Doctor Garland, planned the institution on a large scale, and in more recent years, under the efficient and wise administration of Chancellor Kirkland, the resources of the university have been materially increased. The endowment now amounts to about two and a half million dollars, and the annual income from all sources to about \$255,000. There are 125 instructors, and more than 1,100 students, who come from all sections of



the country, and abroad. By far the greater number of these students come from Tennessee, but Texas, Georgia, Arkansas, Kentucky and Mississippi all send a good number.

The influence of Vanderbilt is keenly felt throughout the Southland. Every year scores of young men and women leave its classic halls to teach the youth of the South. Naturally they bring with them the culture and refinement of Vanderbilt, and unconsciously impart it to their charges.

Not only is Vanderbilt a leader in educational lines, but she leads in athletics also. Her baseball, basketball and track teams are the peers of any southern university, and nearly every year her football team is crowned champion of the South. Nor have all her football operations been carried on in southern territory. On several occasions she has invaded the North and East, and she has always given a good account of herself. In 1906 she tied the Navy 6 to 6, both teams making a touchdown and kicking a goal. The following year she defeated the Carlisle Indians, 4-0. This was in the days when a field goal counted four, and that is how Vandy's score was made. She held Yale to a scoreless tie in 1910, and in 1912 made Harvard extend herself to the last notch to get the big end of a 9 to 3 score.

Tennessee Beta Pi was founded at Vanderbilt in the fall of 1889, the charter members being B. C. Wise, an initiate at Mercer College, Macon, Georgia; A. C. Ford, an initiate of a sub rosa chapter at Bingham's School, and R. E. Brown, from Tennessee Omega chapter. The first initiation was held late in October, 1889, and J. W. Perry, now a prominent minister of Bristol, Tennessee, was the "goat." A few weeks later another initiation was held, and J. W. Moore, now pastor of Centenary M. E. Church, South, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, was taken in.

At the time A. T. O. was established at Vanderbilt there were eight other fraternities there. They were Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha and Delta Kappa Epsilon. The latter was established just before Alpha Tau Omega, but all the others had been established for some time, and were in good condition, thus making it hard for the new chapter to compete with them. Since then four other fraternities and two sororities have entered

Vanderbilt. They are Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, Kappa Alpha Theta and Delta Delta Delta. One fraternity, Chi Phi, has dropped out; all the rest are with us now, and in a more or less flourishing condition.

Very little seems to have been done in the first year of Beta Pi's existence. No regular meeting place was had, and the meetings were irregular. The following year nothing of consequence was done, but the chapter began regular meetings in the Odd Fellows Hall, on Church Street. The room was just rented for



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Saturday nights, when the meetings were held. Several transfers came that year, and they helped the new chapter considerably. They were Henry Trawick, J. S. Chadwick, R. H. Flowers and C. H. Nabers, all from Alabama Beta Beta; Brother Mitchell, from Trinity, North Carolina; Walter Johnson, from Mississippi, and C. H. Johnston, from the University of Georgia. Nearly all of these were either professional or graduate students. The initiates of this year were A. M. Trawick, now Special Secretary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., and W. O. Vreeland.

In the third year of the chapter's existence, the initiates were Cleanth Brooks; L. E. Kelton; A. E. Clement, now one of the editors of the Methodist Publishing House, in Nashville, and Commissioner of the Galloway Memorial Hospital; John Trawick, now a prominent physician of Louisville, Kentucky; George Trawick, now a successful physician of New York City, and Howard Jones. Brother Jones is one of the country's leading engineers. He built the Sparkman Street bridge over the Cumberland River, at Nashville, and is one of the engineers selected by the United States Government to help the Interstate Commerce Commission in assessing the real value of railroads. Up to this time the chapter contained only about five to seven men, and it had a hard struggle for existence. But the worthy brothers who were at the helm of the infant chapter had brave hearts, and finally began to force a recognition from the other fraternities at Vanderbilt. Slowly but surely, Beta Pi was forging her way to the front.

One incident will serve to show the spirit of the pioneer members of Beta Pi, and will explain the chapter's rapid advance. In 1890, when the chapter was little over a year old, Brother Perry attended the Richmond Congress as a delegate, and secured the next meeting of the Congress for Nashville. It was a stupendous undertaking for a three-year-old chapter to stage a National Congress, but the men of Beta Pi were not afraid to tackle it, and history shows that they "did themselves proud."

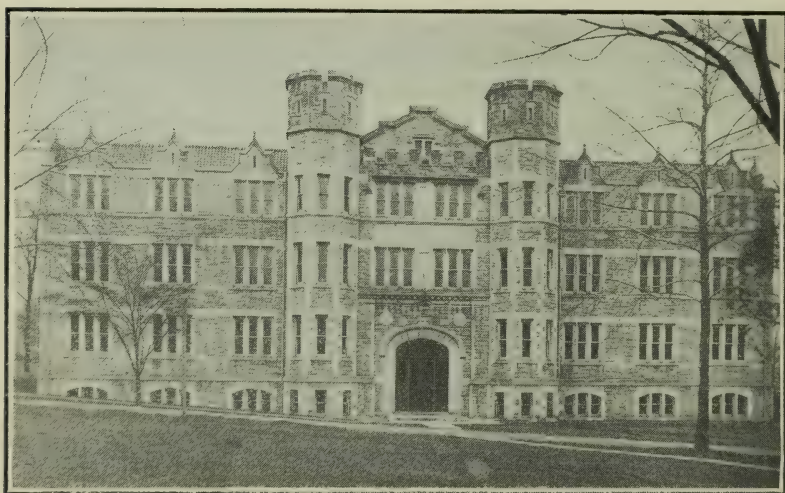
The history of the chapter from the year 1892 to the year 1900 is uneventful. No regular meeting place was had; sometimes the meetings would be held in the men's rooms; sometimes they would all "chip in" and rent a room in one of the local hotels for their meeting. The growth of the chapter, both in influence and in numbers, was gradual, and by the year 1900 the chapter averaged about twelve men. This was not a very small chapter for that time, for none of the chapters at Vanderbilt ran as high then as they do now.

In 1903-04 a movement to raise funds for a chapter house was started, and all the active members signed notes. A year or two later, after some of the notes had been paid, something happened that has remained a mystery to this day. The notes were lost,



and no one knew where they went to. A thorough search was made for them, but to no avail. In the discussion that followed, a freshman dared suggest that "maybe the A. T. O. goat ate 'em up." Tradition says he was shot on the spot.

The first regular meeting place for the chapter was provided in the year 1905-06, when two rooms were rented in the building now used by the college Y. M. C. A. These rooms were fixed up attractively, and they provided a comfortable loafing place for the fellows. This "taste" of what a real fraternity home was



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like, just whetted their appetites for more, and the chapter house movement received a decided boost.

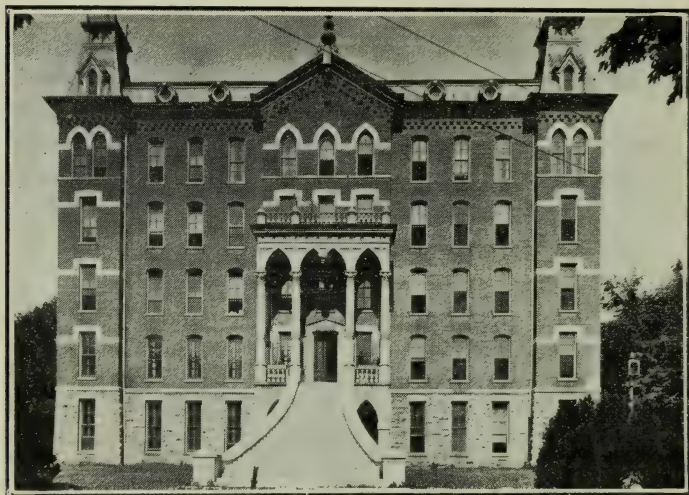
The time was not yet ripe for renting a chapter house the following year, so arrangements were made for a room in the old Masons' Hall, corner of Sixteenth and West End. The chapter was in possession of this room on Saturday nights only. The balance of the time it was rented out to other fraternal organizations. In the spring of that year it was decided to start the next college year with a chapter house. Accordingly, the fall of 1907 found Beta Pi occupying its first chapter house. It was



a beautiful house, at 2117 Hayes Street, about a block and a half from the campus. There were just twelve men in the chapter that year, but nearly all of them roomed in the house, and consequently finances were kept in good condition. From this time on, Beta Pi's progress was phenomenal. The chapter broadened out, and became actively engaged in every phase of college life. Today we have our representatives on the college papers, the athletic field, the debating forum, the clubs, and last, but not least, in the drawing rooms. That we hold our own in the classroom is evidenced by the fact that we won the scholarship cup this year. We have grown in numbers since that time, until now we have an active membership of thirty-six. Since 1907 we have always occupied a nice chapter house, but the chapter has been handicapped by not having a permanent location. We are now in a beautiful home at 1917 Hayes Street, and we expect to obtain a five-year lease on it, thus insuring for ourselves a permanent home. By the end of that time, we expect to be able to build our own home.

We take a pardonable pride in our alumni and their achievements, and it may not be out of place to mention a few of the more prominent ones, of whom we have not yet spoken. R. E. L. Saner, '95, is now a prominent lawyer of Dallas, Texas, and Worthy High Chancellor of our Fraternity. S. V. Gardiner, '99, is a successful lawyer in Memphis, Tennessee. While in school, Brother Gardiner was elected Bachelor of Ugliness, which is the highest honor the student body of Vanderbilt can bestow. Brother "Brandy" Clement and Brother Bruce McGehee, now principal of the Gulfport Military Academy, also had this honor bestowed on them. John Paschal, '01, is now editor of the *Atlanta Journal*. William Stanton, '10, was Speaker of the House during the last session of the Tennessee Legislature, and is now a candidate for re-election. W. D. Weatherford, '99, is one of our most distinguished alumni. He is Field Secretary, Students Department, International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., and as such has gained an international reputation. He is also the author of several books, among which are "Negro Life in the South," "Present Forces and Negro Progress" and "Introducing Men to Christ." J. R. Snyder and J. R. Dawson are both leading

physicians of Birmingham, Alabama; H. P. Travis, a well-known physician of Los Angeles, California; Thomas Henderson, a prominent lawyer of Franklin, Tennessee, and John Tansil and Phil Canale, both leading lawyers of Memphis, Tennessee. W. E. Bolling is one of the most prominent lawyers of Nashville, and is also Province Chief of our province. Casimer Zdanowicz, '03, is Professor of Romance Languages at the University of Wisconsin, and Dr. R. W. Billington, Professor of Medicine in



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Vanderbilt University, and Superintendent of the Vanderbilt University Hospital. Brother Billington is a former Province Chief of our Fraternity.

Our "spiking" season begins here as soon as school opens in the fall, and naturally the rivalry among the different frats at that time is very keen. At this time of the year some hard feeling between the frats is occasionally shown, but on the whole, the fraternity relations at Vanderbilt are very friendly. Every fraternity invites several men from each of the other fraternities to its entertainments, and good-fellowship reigns supreme.

The future of Vanderbilt and the future of Beta Pi both look

very bright. Vanderbilt is now in the best year of her existence. There was a decrease in the enrollment of the freshman medical class, due to the raising of the entrance requirements, but this was more than offset by the increased enrollment in the other departments. There was a "bumper crop" of freshmen in the academic department, and Beta Pi got the cream of these. Out of seventeen men we spiked, we got sixteen of them. We are on top now, and if our men keep up the work they have been doing the past few years, we will stay there for all time to come.

We are all very anxious for the opening of the Congress, and we talk "Congress" morning, noon and night. We want every Alpha Tau in the world to come and be our guest during the Congress. Come on, Alpha Taus—you can have anything we've got, and if we haven't got what you want, we know where we can get it! Alpha Taus—from Maine to California—from Canada to Mexico—we bid you WELCOME!

W. A. ZIMMERMANN.





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## THE NASHVILLE CONGRESSES OF 1872 AND 1892.

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The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity will hold its twenty-fourth biennial Congress at Nashville, Tennessee, December 30 and 31, 1914, and January 1 and 2, 1915.

This is not the first time that Alpha Taus have journeyed to Nashville to gather in Congress. On two prior occasions the Fraternity assembled there. The second Congress convened there on July 25, 1872, and the thirteenth Congress on December 28, 1892.

The first meeting at Nashville occurred within approximately seven years after the foundation of the Fraternity and two years after the organization of the national Congress. Twenty years elapsed between the first and second meetings at Nashville and twenty-two years will have elapsed in December since the last meeting. Forty-two years have come and gone since our first Nashville Congress.

These several meetings afford a splendid means for making certain comparisons of the conditions of the Fraternity at various times of its life. So also, is there an opportunity of presenting to the readers of the *PALM* interesting information concerning one meeting of Congress (1872) which has hitherto never appeared in print and of another meeting (1892) held long before the present generation of Alpha Taus was upon the scene of action.

The comparatively frequent meetings of Congress in Nashville were not accidental. Congress met there for potent reasons. Nashville has from the very early days been a live Alpha Tau center. Tennessee has always been a veritable hotbed of Alpha Tauism. Cast a stone anywhere in Tennessee and you will hit an Alpha Tau. There are more Alpha Taus to the thousand of population in Tennessee than any other state of the Union. It was the third state entered on the onward march of the Fraternity's expansion. The first Tennessee chapter was the fifth chapter of the Fraternity, and there were quite a few Tennesseans in

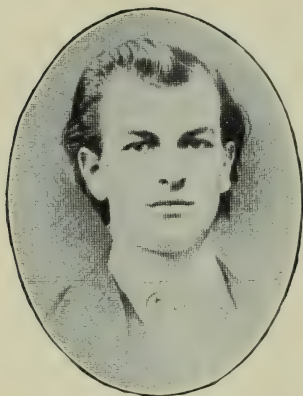
the early Alpha and Beta chapters. The first Tennessee chapter, called Tennessee Alpha originally, afterward changed to Tennessee Theta, was established July 12, 1866—less than a year after the founding of the Fraternity—by members of Virginia Beta, at Knoxville, and during its short life it initiated nine members. In all, eleven chapters were instituted in Tennessee, of which four were community chapters and seven were collegiate chapters, and these have initiated a total of more than one thousand members—one-fourteenth of the Fraternity. One of the community chapters has the unique distinction of becoming a collegiate chapter. This chapter, Tennessee Beta, subsequently called Tennessee Iota, founded at Murfreesboro, became a college chapter at Union University, which institution was afterward (1872) merged with the Southwestern Baptist University, where, in 1882, our Tennessee Alpha Tau chapter was installed. (During recent years this institution has changed its name and is now known as Union University.) The following are the institutions at which we have had chapters: Cumberland University, University of Nashville, Union University, University of Tennessee, Southwestern Presbyterian University, University of the South and Vanderbilt University. Of these all are now in active existence except the first two named. Tennessee has had more chapters than any other state, except Virginia.

Moreover, Tennessee has produced some of our most notable and active alumni. We are speaking now only of alumni initiated by Tennessee chapters, although many other Tennessee men initiated by chapters in other states have stood high in our councils. The third and fourth Worthy Grand Chiefs (or Senior Grand Chiefs as they were then styled) were Brothers A. F. Whitman (Cumberland) and R. W. Jones (Murfreesboro-Union), and they still reside at Nashville. Worthy Grand Chaplains Bishops C. T. Quintard, T. F. Gailor and T. B. Bratton, Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer Zac Tolliver, Worthy Grand Keepers of Annals W. B. Nauts, J. E. Green and R. E. L. Saner (who also served on the High Council and is now Worthy High Chancellor), and M. P. Ravenel, of the High Council, are just a few of the many illustrious names that Tennessee chapters have contributed to our official annals. Add to these the names of men who have achieved dis-

tion for Alpha Tau Omega in their several walks of life—Attorney General Thomas W. Gregory; United States Senator Luke Lea; Congressmen Andrew B. Price and Joseph H. Acklen; President Benjamin L. Wiggins, of the University of the South; President Charles M. Puckette, of the Georgia Agriculture College; President Samuel E. Chandler, of Southwestern Presbyterian University; Judges W. S. Anderson, D. O. Thomas, Warren S. Reese, John W. Childress, Edwin L. Davis; Norval Richardson, novelist of the "best seller" class; Attorney General William C. Tetts, of Alabama; Mayors Malone, of Memphis, and Frierson, of Chattanooga—and candor will compel the universal admission that Tennessee has done well for Alpha Tau Omega and fully earned all the distinctions it has received.

In 1872, when the first Nashville Congress was held, fifteen chapters had been established, of which six were community chapters, and the fifteen chapters had initiated a total of approximately four hundred members. The following states contained one or more chapters: Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina. There were no alumni associations. Only seven years had passed since the founding of the mother chapter at the Virginia Military Institute and only two years since the mother chapter had surrendered her rights as the executive head of the Fraternity to the newly constituted Congress at Lexington, Virginia, in July, 1870. The Fraternity had indeed progressed rapidly, for the installation of fifteen chapters within seven years was the accomplishment of a task of no small dimensions, though, in 1872, it is probable that at least five of the chapters were no longer in active existence.

The 1872 Congress was a special meeting of that body and is the only instance of a special or "called session," as it is styled, of Congress. When the first Congress adjourned at Lexington, Virginia, on July 7, 1870, it was resolved to meet again at Lexington, Kentucky, on the second Wednesday of July, 1874. The second Congress was doubtlessly called under the provisions of the Constitution then in force, but the records afford no clue to the reason for the special meeting. The fact that Congress devoted most of its time to the consideration of Constitutional amendments indicates that it was probably called for that purpose. The



W. R. WALLACE  
(Virginia)



M. L. WICKS  
(Virginia)



L. M. ELDER  
(Virginia)



J. H. KIMBALL  
(Kentucky Mil. Inst.)

DELEGATES TO THE SECOND CONGRESS  
(Pictures are from collection of A. F. Whitman)





A. F. WHITMAN  
(Cumberland)



D. O. THOMAS  
(Murfreesboro-Union)



A. W. JUDD  
(Murfreesboro-Union)



R. W. JONES  
(Murfreesboro-Union)

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and were taken at about the time of Congress)

statement of the minutes that, "Bro. Thomas was then called on to state the occasion of the 'called meeting,' as from his chapter the idea has emanated, responded at some length," indicates that Tennessee Iota, the Murfreesboro community chapter, then a collegiate chapter at Union University, was instrumental in calling the meeting. D. O. Thomas was a member of that chapter, but represented another at Congress.

The meetings were held in the Senate Chamber and the first session convened July 25th at 3 P. M. Neither of the executive officers were present and A. F. Whitman (Cumberland) was elected Senior Grand Chief pro tem and Moye Wicks (University of Nashville) was Junior Grand Chief pro tem. Delegates from nine chapters were present: Virginia Beta (Washington and Lee), Robert A. Waller, founder of the Chicago community chapter and subsequently a member of the High Council; Virginia Delta (Virginia), L. M. Elder, who is now a lawyer at Chattanooga, Tennessee; Tennessee Epsilon (Cumberland), D. O. Thomas, founder of the Bethel College chapter and afterward Attorney General of Tennessee, now deceased; Tennessee Nu (University of Nashville), Moye Wicks, now residing at Houston, Texas; North Carolina Xi (Trinity), M. L. Wicks, an initiate of Virginia Delta, who, with Joseph R. Anderson, founded the Trinity chapter, and now resides at Los Angeles; Kentucky Mu (Kentucky Military Institute), J. H. Kimball, now a planter at Mooresville, Alabama; Virginia Epsilon (Roanoke), Benj. W. Terry, now a lawyer at Bluefield, West Virginia; Tennessee Gamma (Columbia community), Felix J. Webster, now deceased; Tennessee Iota (Murfreesboro-Union), by either S. P. Black or T. C. Black, both now deceased, and, as the minutes do not state first names, cannot be certainly identified. Virginia Alpha, the "mother society," was not represented and had no representation at any Congress until the 1877 Richmond Congress, although it maintained continuous existence from 1865 to 1881—but that's an interesting story reserved for another day.

The Congress gave most of its time to the revision of the Constitution, and many of its actions are interesting to us of this day. For instance, a provision in the existing Constitution restricting chapters to institutions of learning was stricken out and it again became

possible to establish such chapters; the sessions of Congress were fixed at two-year intervals, instead of four, and the terms of general officers accordingly decreased; each chapter was allowed two delegates to Congress and each delegate given one vote; provision was made for the publishing of a catalogue, and the new office of Assistant Senior Grand Chief was created. These are a few of the many changes made in the organic law. Committees were appointed to consider the advisability of changing the initiatory ceremony; to consider the establishment of ladies' degrees; to prepare a funeral ceremony; to procure a steel die of the coat of arms and to devise a charter. The "hotel register sign of recognition" was here adopted and, though rarely used now, was in use for many years. A vote of thanks was extended to R. N. Brooke (Alpha) for his design of the coat of arms. The new Constitution having reduced the terms of all officers, the following new officers were elected: Senior Grand Chief, A. F. Whitman (Cumberland), of Nashville, Tennessee; Junior Grand Chief, M. L. Wicks (Virginia), of Memphis, Tennessee; Assistant Senior Grand Chief, R. W. Jones (Murfreesboro-Union), of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; High Chancellor, W. G. Bennett (V. M. I.), of Weston, West Virginia; and Vice Chancellor, F. A. Berlin (Washington and Lee), now residing in San Francisco.

There are no records of social entertainments. The sessions of Congress must have engrossed almost all of the time of the delegates, although it is not unlikely that "the fathers" found time to partake of refreshments after labor. Possibly some one will some day supply his reminiscences of those early unrecorded banquets.

From 1872 to 1892 the Fraternity's path was not strewn with roses. Many times during those two decades the very life of the Fraternity was threatened, but we cannot now pause to review those fitful years. It is enough to say that the labors of faithful servants preserved her, even against almost insurmountable obstacles, until the famous Baltimore Congress of 1878 breathed new life into her being. From that date to 1892 the Fraternity prospered and when the Nashville Congress of that year convened it represented forty-eight chapters in active existence, sixteen alumni associations and about 3,200 members.

The meeting was called "The Columbian Congress," in recognition of Christopher Columbus' trans-Atlantic venture of some years previous, and the sessions, like those of 1872, were held in the Senate Chamber. The first session was held December 28th and was called to order by Worthy Grand Chief E. J. Shives. Delegates from thirty-four chapters and four alumni associations were present. Among the delegates were: Lee C. Bradley (Southern), an associate editor of the *PALM*; E. P. Lyon (Hillsdale), subsequently a Worthy Grand Chief; Thomas Ruffin (North Carolina), afterward Worthy Grand Scribe; Max S. Erdman (Muhlenberg), now the Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, and Zac Tolliver (Cumberland), who served as Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer for several terms. Among those present, as officers or visitors, were: Founder Otis A. Glazebrook; James B. Green (Virginia); Percy Kennard (Virginia); L. C. Ehle (Cornell), editor of the *PALM*; R. E. L. Saner (Vanderbilt), now Worthy High Chancellor. The photograph of the Congress contains about eighty faces.

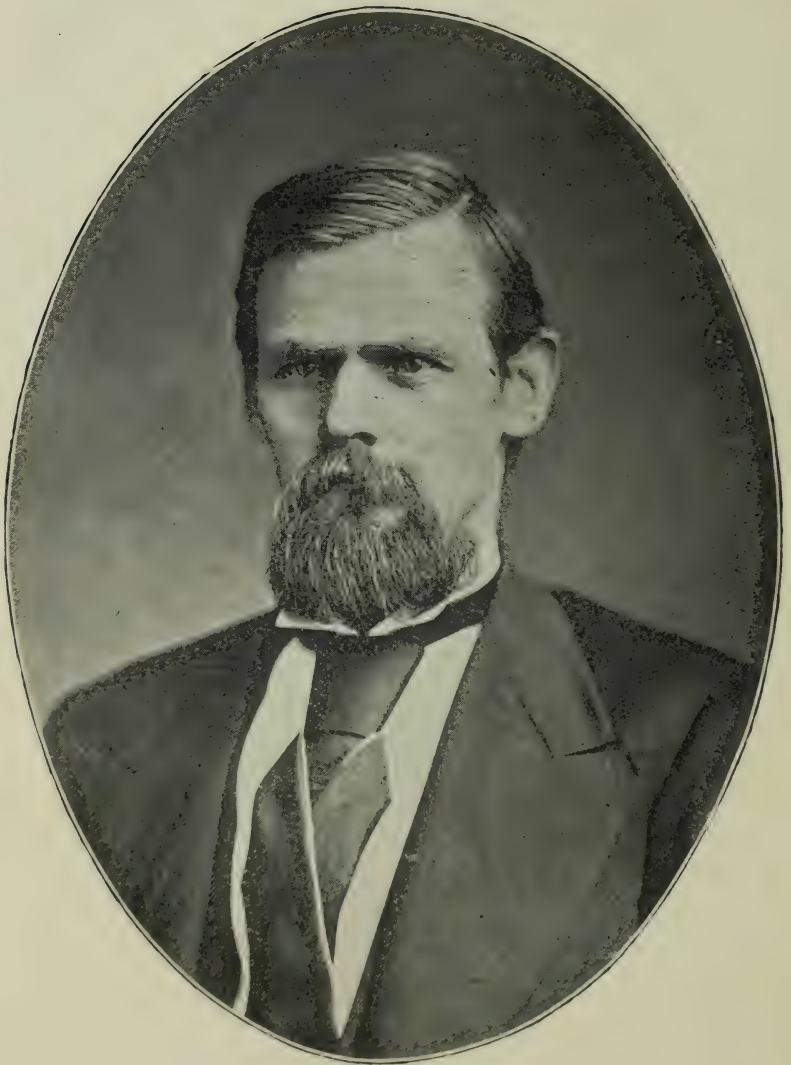
The Congress gave its attention to a large number of varied problems. It adopted the flower, the colors and a yell; designed an alumni badge; provided for participation in the college fraternities' exhibit at the World's Fair; placed the *PALM* upon a new and better basis; discussed the creation of a Visiting Secretary; decided that a province system was preferable to a visiting secretaryship and deferred action upon the entire matter to a future date; amended the Constitution by providing that future amendments be voted upon by the chapters and also by providing for the organization of alumni associations; appointed a committee to issue a fraternity directory, and referred the matter of a new song book to next Congress. The following officers were elected: Worthy Grand Chief, E. J. Shives (Wittenberg), for his fourth consecutive term; Worthy Grand Chaplain, Bishop John H. Vincent (Mt. Union); Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, H. Walter Booth (Michigan); Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, Zac Tolliver (Cumberland); Worthy High Chancellor, Percy Kennard (Virginia); High Council, Founder Otis A. Glazebrook, James B. Green (Virginia), Louis C. Ehle (Cornell), N.



Wiley Thomas (Pennsylvania), Frank Menges (Gettysburg); Orator, Clifton R. Breckenridge (Washington and Lee); Poet, J. C. Smith (Albion).

Nashville provided elaborate social entertainments. The public exercises were held at the Capitol, presided over by Worthy Grand Chief Shives. The address of welcome was delivered by Hon. George B. Guild, Mayor of Nashville, and the response made by Louis C. Ehle. The Congress oration was delivered by Bishop T. F. Gailor (Sewanee). There were receptions at the Belmont Ladies' School and one at the home of Mrs. Walker Edwards. The usual Congress banquet closed the meeting.

In the twenty-two years that have passed since that last Nashville meeting the Fraternity has made great progress. Today there are sixty-three chapters, forty nine alumni associations and fully 14,000 members. A Congress of fully 600 men will meet in Nashville this year to legislate for the future of Alpha Tau Omega.



ALBERT F. WHITMAN  
(Worthy Grand Chief—1872-1874)  
(Picture Taken 1877)

## TWO FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVES.

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[As a feature of our "Pre-Congress Number" we have been able to procure two sketches of former chief executives of the Fraternity. A. F. Whitman was Senior Grand Chief, as the office of Worthy Grand Chief was then called, from 1872 to 1874, and R. W. Jones from 1874 to 1876, they being respectively the third and fourth persons to occupy that position. The PALM, in all its history, has never published a sketch of either of them and we regard it as a rare privilege to present these articles to our readers at this time. We secured them through W. S. Whitman (Tennessee Beta Pi), the son of A. F. Whitman.—EDITOR.]

ALBERT FENNO WHITMAN.

(Senior Grand Chief, 1872-1874.)

*By Himself.*

Being asked to write something of my life and of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity as I knew it in the early days, will say the following:

My father, William Fenno Whitman, and mother, who was Miss Ann Byrd Powell, were natives of Halifax County, Virginia. They moved to New Market, Alabama, about 1835, where I, Albert Fenno, the seventh son of a family of nine, was born, March 29, 1847.

I attended the country schools in that village until they were suspended by the war. I worked on the farm while my three older brothers were in the Confederate Army. In 1866 I taught school in New Market as assistant to Professor Stovall. It was not work to my liking, and I marked each day off of the calendar, with no joy at the seemingly slow passage, and wrote in my roll book at the close of the term, "THIS IS THE END," and meant it. In 1867 I attended preparatory school at Manchester, Tennessee, under Professor Carnes, lovingly known among the students as "Old Pap," a name previously given because he attended school after his marriage, along with his own children, who called him "Pap."

Playing "base" and performing upon the horizontal bar were the sports of the boys. Baseball was just beginning to enter the schools.

Never before or since have I seen a school in which the study of elocution was made so important. Every Friday afternoon was set apart for speaking. Before the boy spoke in the presence of the school, he would memorize his speech and the professor of elocution would hear him rehearse in a private room, where he was criticized and drilled. If you could gather from the hills around Manchester the echoes of 1867-68, you would get much of the eloquence of the ancient and modern orators transmitted through the boys practicing for some special occasion. In twos, one to speak while the other criticized, they would get out on the hills, a hundred yards or so apart. As the voice of one ceased, you could then hear that of another, and another. Many of the boys of this school afterward distinguished themselves as public speakers.

Part of 1868 and all of 1869, I clerked in a general store in which my father and elder brother were interested. We had a live debating and thespian society in the town, in which I took great delight. In one of the dramas, I acted the part of Horatius in the Combat between the Grachii and the Horatii, and got the plaudits of the village, almost forgetting that I was not the original Horatius.

Our country had just emerged from the terrible war, that left people poorer than this generation can possibly conceive. For a member of a family to go to college, it was necessary to levy a "college tax" on every member of the family, besides giving a pledge on future earnings that the education was supposed to bring in. I did both. My father had been called on to pay a large note which he had, as a good neighbor, indorsed, and this, with the loss of the slaves, added to the devastation of the war.

From an old diary which I kept for nearly three weeks, I find that I went in February, 1870, to Lebanon, Tennessee, to attend Cumberland University, then taught by Judge R. L. Caruthers and Judge Nathan Green; the latter (God bless him!) is still living there. At that time there were two debating societies, both of which still remain; the Philomathean, which I joined,



and the Amasagassean. The former, having fewer members, appealed to the fair play and love of sport and contest of the new students in the literary and the junior law class, and many of the former and nearly all of the latter joined it. Society politics ran exceedingly high in the Amasagassean, and fraternities and classes were divided along strict party lines. In the contest for "best debater" to represent the society at the commencement exercises, the race was between a Tennessean and a South Carolinian. To gain the majority, one of the contestants brought in a blacksmith of the county, together with his six children, matriculated them in the university, and paid the initiation fees in the society, which qualified them as voters. This cost him between \$600 and \$700. Before the election, the faculty ordered the money returned, and declared the matriculation invalid. The contestant was by all odds the best of the two, and doubtless felt that he was justified in his methods, as the other polled his strength from political influence.

The Philomathean Society determined to keep politics out of the society, and did. Our class took great interest in the debates, knowing that a lawyer had to talk law as well as learn it. I made it a rule to always take part in the irregular debate which followed the regular program, when I was not on the regular debate. Sam W. Carmack, a cousin of Senator Edward W. Carmack, of Tennessee, and I were elected orators to represent the society at the commencement exercises.

The law course at that time was fifteen months; I attended the full term, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Like many others who have traveled the road to learning, when I finished my first law book, after six weeks, I thought I was a full-fledged lawyer, but at the end of that time, I had begun to realize my limitations, and remember saying to myself, as I hung out my sign in Nashville, with "Lawyer" under my name, "This is a lie."

Fraternity life was unknown to me. I had never seen a badge. There were four or five fraternities in the university. Alpha Tau Omega was one, but I did not know a single member of the club. I made no effort to learn much about them. My finances made me non-progressive along that line. To me the

members seemed a clannish set moving in squads, having little to do with the badgeless student. The only relief to this was to get down to hard work, which I did.

I have the minute book of the chapter from 1868 to the close of the spring session of 1872, but it is silent on the subject, and I do not remember how long I had been in the university or the month I joined Alpha Tau Omega, but one day a young man wearing the maltese cross came to my room, and after making himself exceedingly pleasant, approached me on the subject of joining them, and finally informed me that I had been voted on and he would like for me to join them. The same day, while I had the matter under advisement, I was asked to join another fraternity. I had several A. T. O.'s as mates in the debating society, and was impressed with the splendid caliber of these men; this possibly was the strongest influence which brought me into the Fraternity. National strength was not a factor; the chapters themselves did not know much about each other. Individualistic as the southerners have always been, each chapter was pretty nearly a unit. The minutes show that I was later elected Junior Grand Master and Senior Grand Master of the chapter.

Our lodge room cost us \$4.00 per month, plus 25 cents for lamp oil. We met over a store, and stumbled over the usual articles to be found in the rear of a country store, carrying as it did a complete line, such as chicken coops, barrels and boxes, made of "Georgia Mahogany," and regaling our nostrils with the odor of hides from all sorts of wild and domestic animals.

While I was in the university, the chapter was composed of Samuel W. Carmack, A. O. Battle, W. T. Brock, W. L. Welcker, Andrew Price, M. M. Hope, W. T. Hope, C. E. Waldron and C. A. Sharpe. S. W. Carmack, easily the most talented student of the university, and A. O. Battle, afterward composed the law firm of Carmack & Battle, and practiced law in Fayetteville, Tennessee. Both died a few years afterward. W. T. Brock was the valedictorian of his law class, and afterward Mayor of Florence, Alabama. W. T. Welcker was afterward District Attorney at Knoxville. Andrew Price went to Congress from Louisiana. He came back later to Tennessee, and owned

Clover Bottom Farm, one of the most famous stock farms for race horses in Tennessee, which also had a national reputation; it was much frequented by visitors who were callers at the Hermitage, the home of Andrew Jackson, only a few miles farther toward Lebanon from Nashville. M. M. Hope practiced law in Chattanooga, and took a leading part in State politics. W. T. Hope, of the literary department, graduated in medicine elsewhere, and became eminent as a physician in Chattanooga. C. E. Waldron, a most lovable character, and the best parliamentarian in college, died a few years after leaving school. C. A. Sharpe was upon the Supreme bench of Alabama, but resigned, preferring the Circuit Court, in which he is now regarded as one of the best judges in the State. J. H. Acklen went to Congress, also from Louisiana, and afterward practiced with great success. He took great interest in the laws of fishery and forestry, and retired from law practice to become Game Warden of Tennessee, and is now Game Warden of the United States, and is very active in the interests of the song and game birds of our country. J. H. Malone, of Memphis, became one of the leading members of the bar, and was Mayor of that city for two terms.

I was elected Senior Grand Chief of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in 1872. Just why the least of the Fraternity should have been chosen for that position, I have never been able to understand. Indeed, Sam Carmack wrote me a letter, which I still have, saying, "I never thought that one of our little chapter would become that awful THING, which we stood in awe of."

While Tennessee Epsilon (afterward changed to Tennessee Lambda) was one of the strongest chapters at that time, it did but a small part of the good it could have done, had it then even a faint vision of what it was to be and is today. While we were thoroughly in earnest in getting good students for associates, looking back over that period, I see how little we did of what we could have done. Had it been numbers we wanted, possibly we would not have been so proud of our chapter. In the beginning of one of the sessions, a new man entered college, a diamond in the rough, which our lapidarian was not able to detect, and some of the boys thought there might be an influence brought to bear to get him in the Fraternity, so that we resolved to use



the black balls on him. His friends did not try to bring him in, however, preferring to let him stand on his own merits. After he took his position in school we hunted him up, and threw our arms about him; he proved to be one of our best. In 1872 we obtained the permission of the Governor of the State, John C. Brown, to hold our Congress in the Senate Chamber. The most indelible thing about it now upon my memory, after forty years of fading, is that we had a lovable and successful meeting. I think we were in session three days. I recall bringing home several handkerchiefs, which did not belong to me, which must have been handed to me as I searched for one during the course of a speech, the weather being very warm. Coming before the days of laundry marks, there was no hope for the owners.

In January, 1872, I located in Nashville, and began the practice of law on North Cherry Street (now Fourth Avenue, North), on the site of my present office in the Vanderbilt Building. In August, 1872, Judge John C. Ferriss, then occupying the position of Public Administrator, was elected Judge of the County Court. His resignation from the office of Public Administrator left that vacant. This officer was elected by the members of the County Court, at that time composed of sixty-eight justices of the peace. Although I had been in the county not twelve months, I was elected in a contest with three other young lawyers of the Nashville bar. My success was largely due to the active support of schoolmates of Manchester and Lebanon, who were then living in Nashville.

A large number of cases involving many intricate questions of wills and administrations of estates came under my charge, both in the Chancery and County Courts, and I applied myself closely to the study of the law upon the subject of executor and administrator in force in this State, which I found of incalculable value in my future practice in this branch of legal jurisprudence. In 1875 I formed a partnership, under the style of Whitman & Overall, with R. S. Overall, a young lawyer who graduated from Cumberland University, in 1873 or 1874. He died in 1876. In 1888 Colonel Tip Gamble, a native of Georgia, and I formed a partnership under the style of Whitman & Gamble, which continued until about 1900. We did an extensive



practice in the Federal and State Courts upon the equity and common law side of the docket. For a few years after coming to the bar, I practiced also in the criminal court of the county, but I had little taste for that branch of the law, and finally discontinued it entirely.

I have always been a National Democrat, and voted the State ticket, unless I regarded it more decent to do otherwise. I ran on the Independent ticket for the Legislature in 1890, but the returns did not give us the majority, and the Regulars got in. Since then I have not taken an active part in politics.

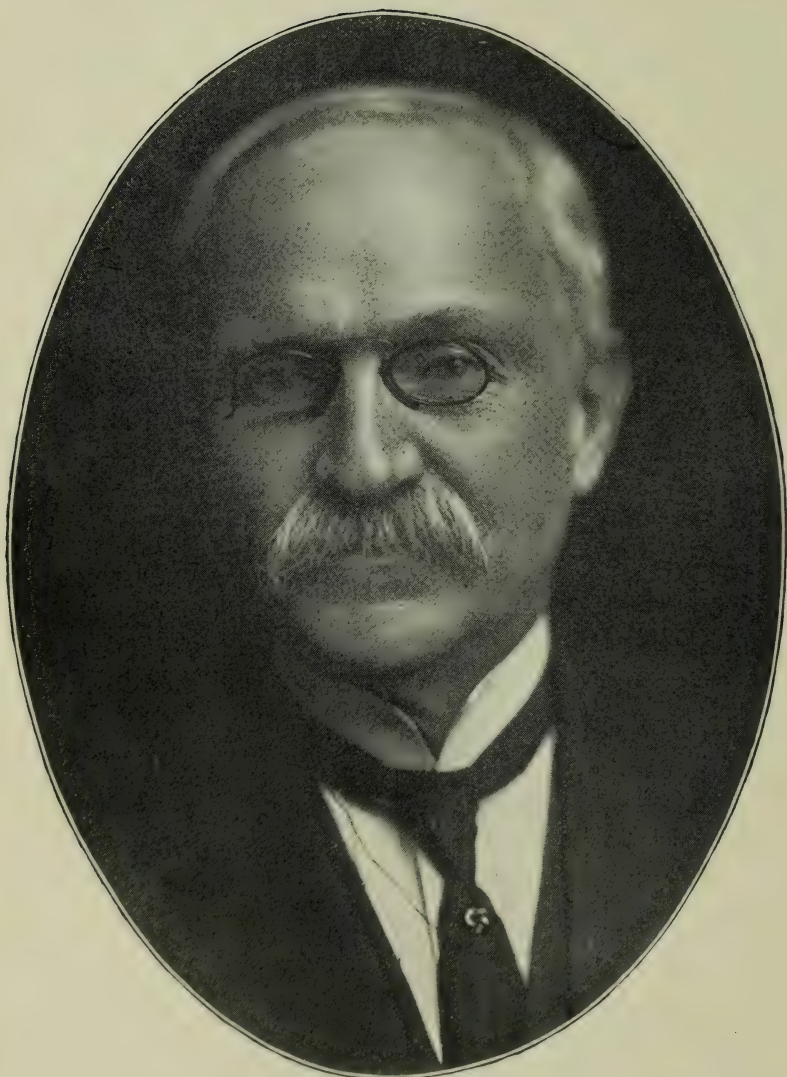


RICHARD W. JONES.

(Senior Grand Chief, 1874-1876.)

Richard W. Jones was born in Henrico County, Virginia, near Richmond, the son of Tiberius Gracchus and Jane Chandler Jones (nee Reins). His father was a Baptist minister, who was afterward pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville. Brother Jones was educated at Columbian College, Virginia, Maryland, now George Washington College, Washington, District of Columbia. He was in college when Lincoln was assassinated. He became a professor at Union College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where he joined the Tennessee Iota chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He did not remain the full year of school, but resigned to take a position at Jackson, Tennessee. There was no chapter there, nor at several other small schools, with which he was connected as a member of the faculty. Indeed, Professor Jones says at many of the small schools where he taught, he did not see one man whom he would consider worthy to be asked to join the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

The Fraternity was small in numbers, and had few chapters, all of which up to this time were in the South, however. Still, after the havoc wrought by the war, men were hard at work, both in school and in the summer, and had not the leisure now possible to a college man on his vacation to correspond with other chapters and thus accomplish much of the exchange of ideas for the betterment of the order, and the systematizing of business of all sorts. While the fraternity men loved their



RICHARD W. JONES  
(Worthy Grand Chief—1874-1876)

brotherhood, and were zealous in her behalf, still these conditions made their efforts sporadic. Another thing that made chapter life weak, was the poverty that allowed men to go one or two years, and then forced him to go to his life work, just at the time when he should be the most valuable to his chapter, and consequently to the general Fraternity.

With the high aims of our Founder in view, that of a noble brotherhood, with a purpose more than mere social gatherings, the members were cautious and conservative about accepting a new man. They had no alumni scattered over the country, each of whom had an eagle eye scanning the horizon for the best material, letting no one escape observation, but still jealous of the standards of Alpha Tau Omega. They were forced to depend on their own powers of judgment as to whether a man was worthy, and the responsibility of making or breaking the Fraternity might well weigh heavy on them, and force them to be careful. The consequence of these small numbers of chapters and crude communication, was to make a chosen band, rather than a host of mediocre material. The schools themselves, were small in number; many of the best families were ruined, and the sons behind the plough redeeming their lost fortunes.

The result of all this was that when a chapter had an unusual number of its roll to fail to return at the beginning of the new term, they were likely to be extinguished. Not all were so fortunate as Virginia Alpha and Virginia Beta, to be in the same town, and when one lost more than the usual number, to be able to transfer affiliating members of the faculty of the other to the weakened chapter, and thus tide over the period of adversity. The Fraternity had no secretary, nor did it have an organized body of Grand Officers to watch the tendency of certain chapters in an untoward direction, and change their course to one of safety.

Brother Jones, who was Assistant Grand Chief during the term of A. F. Whitman, succeeded him as Worthy Grand Chief in 1874. The above conditions were what these two men faced for the Fraternity in those years, and they nobly responded to the need for help, and did pull Alpha Tau through for a while. The crisis came a few years later, for the danger was not passed.

The strong and magnetic personality of Brother Jones, and



his unflagging and eager labor for Alpha Tau, put cheer into many a despairing, struggling chapter; made them feel a stronger sense of nationalism, and of the aid of others who would stand by them.

To an outsider, the strong love for Alpha Tau Omega would be inconceivable, in a man who spent his student days in a college where there were no fraternities, and only a portion of his professorship in that first year, with the fraternity, but to those who know, it brings out the strong foundation, the eternal truth of the principles, and the inevitable victory of the purpose of the Founder. It tells the story of the success of her sons and the success of her struggle; given the proper Alpha Tau material, the Alpha Tau Omega offspring would develop to redound credit in both the innate truth of her base and her faith in the motto, "None but the best."

After returning to Nashville to take up his work with the Baptist Publishing Board, Brother Jones showed an active interest in the chapter at Vanderbilt, where he lived to see one of his sons Worthy Master. The chapter was then at 1614 West End Avenue. He had forgotten all means of convincing a band of A. T. O.'s that he was a member in good standing, so he took his book of the minutes of the Congress as credentials. However, he was already known, and was readily admitted. From then on he has been a friend and adviser to the young men at the Vanderbilt chapter.

On December 27, 1875, he married Miss Margaret Jane Coleman; he reared several sons and daughters to worthy manhood and womanhood. Brother Jones is very modest in his version of the services he performed for the Fraternity, claiming that his large family and small salary kept him from performing any special work. While admitting love and zeal for Alpha Tau, he states he was kept from doing anything by being away from the field of operations. The facts are these, however. He kept in close touch with affairs, visiting Nashville many times during his work in the smaller towns in the vicinity of Nashville, which visits were devoted almost entirely to Fraternity work.

All honor to our Worthy Grand Chiefs of the past and present.

W. S. WHITMAN.



## PROBLEMS FOR CONGRESS.\*

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### A SYMPOSIUM.

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The Nashville Congress should be, and I trust will be, primarily a fiftieth anniversary Congress. All trivial matters should, as far as possible, be relegated to the background. A careful study should be made of the past fifty years of our Fraternity life. This will be done, we are sure, in the public addresses which will be given to commemorate the occasion. It should also be done in the actual business sessions of the Congress. This should be done with a twofold object; viz., first, to gather together as precious heritages all of those facts and incidents which have helped to make Alpha Tau Omega a power in the fraternity world, and, second, to "take stock" with regard to our possessions, to look our shortcomings squarely in the face, to hunt out the weak places in our Fraternity system and to set on foot those agencies that will make the record of the next half century of our Fraternity's existence greater and nobler than that of the past. The aim of the next Congress should be to assist in every way in starting Alpha Tau Omega into the future stripped of all unnecessary accoutrements, of all false standards, of all tinsel and unnecessary display, of everything that may handicap it in its forward progress.

We will all grant that many things that have seemed important at some stages in our development have already been discarded. And this process of discarding is bound to continue, for it is one of the essentials of the experience of any growing institution and always will be. When we were children we did as children do, but now that our Fraternity has reached the stature of man it should to the fullest assume the habiliments of a man, and

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\*Being answers received to the following question propounded to fifty members of the Fraternity: "What Legislation Should Be Enacted at Nashville?"

should live and act as a man. The child play in initiation, the crude business methods of the past, certain immaturities in our fraternal ideas, have been gradually disappearing in the past. Any vestiges that remain should be carefully eradicated at Congress. The Fraternity should inculcate by its every act, by its every custom, by everything that is connected with it to the smallest detail that it is a fraternity for college men and not for college boys. Any legislation that will tend toward this end will be a fitting part of any anniversary celebration.

The administration of Brother Giffin has gathered together many loose ends in our national administration. It has placed the national fraternity on a plane of efficiency never before attained. The individual chapters have been impressed to a marked degree with the thorough-going business methods which he has instituted into the handling of the business of the national organization, and imitation, if nothing else, has caused many a laggard officer and chapter to mend his ways. The publishing of the *Manual* by Brother Reno and of the *Handbook* by Brother Smiley, and the establishment of the Uniform System of Accounting by Brother Macomber have all been first-class pieces of constructive work and to these brothers are due the thanks of the whole Fraternity. The completion at the next Congress of plans to publish an Alpha Tau Song Book, up to date in every respect, and its early publication will make our list of printed accessories to a chapter's life complete. The requirement of regular visits to each chapter yearly by the Province Chief, a requirement actually in force for only the past four years, has been very effective in drawing the sixty-four chapters of our Fraternity scattered throughout this land into a much closer bond of union, one of the very aims of our beloved founders in the establishment of our order. The chapters are learning more than ever that no chapter can live unto itself alone, but that whatever tends to the glorification or discredit of any individual brother or chapter affects the name and credit of the whole Fraternity, and therefore of every member in it. A true fraternity should teach in an ever-increasing manner that we are our brothers' keepers. This being the case the Fraternity has a moral right and the actual authority to examine carefully into the affairs of any chapter. This

examination is never intended in any officious sense, but simply for the one great purpose of ever improving the glorious standards and fair name of our Fraternity as a whole and of giving an ever-increasing value to the privilege of saying "I am an Alpha Tau." For this reason the Fraternity calls in the aid and the advice of its alumni and feels that it has a moral right to this request. To do this work properly, much time and expense have been given by the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals to the completion of the rolls in his office. In fact, everything possible has been done and is being done to improve the correlation of all the parts of the Fraternity to the whole itself. All of the forward steps mentioned in this paragraph have been nothing but parts of a general forward movement having for its aim the perfecting of the Fraternity, both nationally and locally.

I am certain that I am not overstating the facts when I say that every one, to whom has fallen the pleasant task of guiding to a greater or less degree the affairs of our Fraternity, has been brought face to face with the query, "Is our national organization open to improvement?" A similar situation occurred about fifteen years ago when the Province Chief system was introduced. Subsequent facts have shown the farsighted wisdom of that step. The results have shown that the men appointed as Province Chiefs from the different sections of the country are more able to understand the different situations which exist and arise than any traveling secretary might be, no matter how fine a man such a secretary might be. Nevertheless, I do believe that the increase in the work connected with the offices of the Worthy Grand Chief, Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals and the Editor of the *PALM* is so great that it would be a matter of economy both in money expended and in time consumed on the part of these officers to collect all this work in some central office, say, that of a permanent secretary, but not of a traveling secretary. The national officers would then have both the time and the incentive to devote to the larger things connected with our Fraternity life. As I stated to the Louisville Congress I believe that we are now face to face with this problem and I believe that no time is more auspicious for its solution than the present.

I believe that Congress should make a careful study of our

national finances and should endeavor to establish a budget system, making a definite appropriation for each office. The individual officers will then be in a position to lay out a definite policy of expenditures for each office and good constructive results can be obtained. This can, however, only be done if the Fraternity makes at the same time a careful study of its sources of income. It must, of course, be evident to every one that the past few Congresses have added materially to the national expenses and have in no way made a corresponding increase in income. The inspection of each chapter by an officer costs money, but no provisions were made financially when the Fraternity voted four years ago to have these made yearly.

In conclusion, I wish to state that I believe that the setting on foot of a definite movement for the reorganization of our national business methods along modern lines and along lines better suited for a large national organization as Alpha Tau Omega has grown to be will be one of the most fitting steps that may be taken at our fiftieth anniversary.

JOHN N. VAN DER VRIES,

*High Council.*



Alpha Tau Omega some time ago took action against certain fraternal organizations which recruit their membership from the fraternities and elsewhere, and which have seemed a detriment to the fraternities as a whole. There has also been considerable discussion recently at the Inter-Fraternity Congress, among fraternity men generally, and even in our own deliberative meetings, as to the stand the fraternity should take with reference to all undergraduate fraternities which derive their membership from men already within Greek-letter organizations. I do not know how widespread these organizations are in other institutions, but in the University of Illinois their number is gradually growing, and the toll of membership which they exact from each chapter is large. Some of these have a semi-professional object, and some of them lay claim to intellectual purposes, but the great body of such organizations have no more solid purpose than to promote so-called good fellowship and to bring about an alleged harmony and a broad acquaintanceship.



At the University of Illinois we have professional clubs, dancing clubs (which run dances entirely disconnected from their fraternities), class fraternities, military fraternities, department fraternities, and a thousand and one organizations which bid for the fraternity man's time and energy. Some of these profess to offer him training and education, but the most of them offer him simply pleasure and good fellowship. So far as they contribute to his intellectual growth, I believe they can be justified. When they simply offer him another chance to amuse himself, I think they detract from his usefulness as a fraternity man, waste his time and money, and should be discouraged.

I am not of the opinion that Congress should pass prohibitive legislation against such organizations, but I believe that a free and general discussion of the subject would bring it into its right light before the representatives of our fraternities, might perhaps lead to conclusions which would be of benefit to many chapters, and while not absolutely barring members, would help to deter many from becoming miscellaneous and chronic "joiners."

It is argued by a good many men that these extra-fraternity organizations bring into prominence the fraternity from which members are chosen, and, since these members come pretty generally from all fraternities, help to break down the fraternity lines, to reduce friction, and to harmonize intra-fraternity disputes and differences. I am not at all convinced that this is true. At the University of Illinois intra-fraternity organizations, and organizations which are largely composed of fraternity men, have multiplied materially within the last few years, and yet I cannot find that our fraternities have more political and social unity than they formerly had. In truth, I am not at all convinced that unity of this sort is an unmixed good, for if the time should come when all the fraternities should be on one side of a question and all the "barbs" on the other, I should fear for the future and the influence of the fraternity. A certain amount of disagreement and difference of action is likely to continue, and is without doubt a good thing.

It is with what these extra-fraternity organizations do for the chapter itself that I find fault. In the election of members to these organizations outside of the fraternity the chapter has noth-

ing to say. The outside organizations are self-perpetuating and the active members choose the men who are to succeed them. This choice is quite as often from the weaker men of the chapter as from the stronger ones, for it too often happens that the fellow who spends most of his time away from his chapter and neglects his studies is the most popular among his college friends, and so most likely of election.

The election of such men is an evil in two ways. It tends usually still further to weaken their scholarship and their influence in their own chapter, and it often happens that it tends to arouse ill feeling and jealousy among other men of the chapter who have failed in an attempt to secure this so-called honor. I know of a number of fraternities in which factions have grown up solely through the resentment which was created from the failure of some of the men to be elected to one or another of the extra-fraternity organizations. Only this week I was at dinner at a leading fraternity, and almost immediately after the meal a number of the fellows excused themselves to go to the meeting of one or another of these fraternities. They shifted the responsibility of entertainment upon the other members, they were taken away from their studies, and, to express it in the most generous way, they would spend an entire evening in profitless pleasure, and this was for them a regular procedure.

I have found, also, that the finances of these loosely constructed organizations are generally conducted carelessly. The membership is seldom for more than a year or two, the officers of the organizations are burdened with other duties, the extra financial tax is sometimes difficult to bear, and the extra-fraternity bills too frequently go by default. I am constantly having complaints from merchants all over town that the bills of these organizations are not regularly met.

Some of these organizations, it is true, have a legitimate and a worthy purpose, but for the most part, as I have watched their growth in the University of Illinois for the last twenty years, it seems to me that they accomplish little that is worth while, they take much time and money, they do not help a man's scholastic standing, they frequently attract the weaker men of the fraternity, they stir up ill feeling and help to create chapter factions,

and they too often rob the chapter of the time and energy of members who if they were free to do so might help to build up and strengthen their fraternity chapter rather than be a drag upon it. Because of the influence of such organizations upon the best development of the fraternity, therefore, I think Congress might very profitably give some time to the discussion of this topic.

THOMAS ARKLE CLARK,

*High Council.*



The Lexington Congress of 1870 gave to Alpha Tau Omega the first truly national organization enjoyed by any college fraternity. The Baltimore Congress of 1878 revised and perfected that organization with so much wisdom and forethought that it has never seemed necessary to make changes. The Boston Congress of 1900 added the Province system which has proved so successful in promoting efficiency in our administrative affairs. In the opinion of the writer, present-day Congresses should confine themselves to constructive work looking toward further perfection of the details of our administrative methods but strictly conforming to existing plans. Such work should be undertaken in a spirit of thoughtful conservatism, having in view both past experience and probable results in the remote future. Our work should be progressive and not reactionary, but it should be constructive rather than destructive. We should build and not merely occupy, but should build upon the foundation so well laid by our predecessors rather than attempt any new structure.

Among the things which I believe should command the attention of this and following Congresses may be mentioned the following:

An inquiry into the receipts and expenditures of the Fraternity with the object of formulating more definite policies in this regard and, if necessary, devising some plan to make our revenues meet the actual needs of administration.

The "budget system" of finance, whereby each officer is limited to a fixed maximum of expenditure and at the same time knows definitely in advance how much he may spend and is thus enabled to lay his plans accordingly. Such a system should

provide for an ample contingent fund under control of the High Council, from which limited appropriations may be made for particular purposes.

Clerical assistance for Grand Officers in certain cases if necessary, but not a "traveling secretary" whose visits to chapters, in an organization of the magnitude of Alpha Tau Omega, would necessarily be brief and infrequent and whose salary and expenses—if he was adequately paid—would amount to a prohibitive sum. The tradition of our Fraternity that Grand Officers serve without pecuniary remuneration is wholesome and should not be violated.

More efficient facilities for the instruction of undergraduates in the history, traditions, principles and secrets of the Fraternity—possibly through an enlargement of the ritual by an incorporation therein of explanatory and historical matter and the addition of some well formulated lectures.

A book of instruction and advice for Province Chiefs as to office practice and methods, supplementing the Chapter Handbook and based upon the experience of Province Chiefs and Grand Officers throughout the country. This should be undertaken only after extended correspondence and consultation and would probably require two years in the making. It would be one more step in the correlation of the various units of our system and might well be followed by a similar handbook for the exclusive use of Grand Officers.

A uniform system of Chapter Annals so that Grand Officers may know what to expect in the archives of the chapters, and Province Chiefs may be in a position intelligently to instruct, inspect and criticise. At present the local records are in "confusion worse confounded."

The systematic maintenance of a machine mailing list of alumni addresses, available alike to chapters, alumni associations and to the general organization. Such a list has been prepared at some expense, but unless properly kept up will soon become valueless. Its upkeep depends, first, upon proper clerical work, costing about two hundred and fifty dollars a year, and second, upon the continuance of the custom—abandoned of recent years—of sending out annual letters or reports to all alumni. Such a round of letters costs approximately five hundred dollars.



This makes an annual expenditure of about seven hundred and fifty dollars for keeping in touch with the alumni. Perhaps this could be cut in two by making the round of letters and the mailing list corrections biennially rather than annually, but the result would be less satisfactory. Very definite plans have been formulated for this work, but have been temporarily abandoned for lack of funds.

The consideration of a more definite policy regarding alumni associations, which plans, in my opinion, should take the form of promoting interchange of ideas and information between the associations, the chapters and the national organization rather than any regulation of the internal affairs of the associations. The mailing list would play a prominent part in such a scheme, and closer touch between the associations and the Province Chiefs is also desirable. Experience may lead to the formulation of a book of information and advice for alumni secretaries, and to a card index of members for their use, kept up through the mailing list which, in turn, can be greatly aided by corrections furnished by the secretaries.

Encouragement of the chapters in sending out their annual letters to alumni, not only of the chapter, but to all others resident in the vicinity and to the nearby alumni associations. Here again the mailing list may play a prominent part and here again it may benefit from the information collected by the chapters.

Finally, my idea of our proper policy is that we should aim at certain distinct but interrelated means whereby we may at a minimum of cost, and without duplication of labor, secure more efficient co-operation among the various individuals who go to make up the Fraternity. It may be conceded that this is a rather large order, not to be fully accomplished, perhaps, in one or several Congresses, but still I believe it is the line upon which we should proceed. The progress we have already made encourages me to believe that in due time our aims will be more fully realized.

W. C. SMILEY,

*Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals.*

I really have nothing to offer in the way of legislation for the next Congress, except that I would like to have the PALM receive the support of the Fraternity in a broader and sympathetic way.

I think our organization is in better shape than it has ever been before and that we can strengthen our Fraternity by more intimate work with the active chapters.

F. R. BOTT,  
*Chief, Province II.*



At the time of the fourth biennial conclave of Province III, which was held in February last, the following recommendations for consideration at the next Congress were made by the Committee on "Ways and Means":

1. Every man of each chapter to pay \$1.00 per year to aid in defraying the general expenses of the Fraternity.
2. That an organized effort be made to increase the alumni subscriptions to the PALM.
3. The national officers shall be empowered to collect accounts due the active chapters by the alumni, retaining 10 per cent. as compensation for collecting the same.
4. After January 1, 1918, no chapter shall be allowed to initiate any man belonging to a high school fraternity.

These are the four recommendations which the delegates of the various chapters of this Province, at the time of the conclave, considered should be taken under advisement by the next Congress. I will discuss these recommendations in the order above given:

1. Our national treasury is in anything but a bankrupt condition. In fact, the report of the Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer no doubt will show a balance on hand and in the reserve fund of several thousand dollars. This fund is the result of the accumulation of several years of the financial resources of the Fraternity, during a period when there was not the demand upon the national organization as there has been during the past two years. At the time of the last Congress many new innovations were enacted and the means of bringing about same, such as the universal system of accounting, handbook for chapter

officers, revision of records of the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals; and these with the additional expense in connection with the last Congress, and the numerous meetings of the High Council, and the requirement of annual visits of the Province Chiefs to the various chapters, have drawn heavily upon the available funds on hand of the national treasury, and have taxed the national income to the limit. In view of these facts and circumstances the delegates to this conclave considered that if the report of the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals at the time of the next Congress showed the necessity, a tax should be levied upon each active man of \$1.00 per year to aid in defraying the general expenses of the Fraternity. This is to be made either an emergency tax to cover a period of one or two years or, if thought best, a permanent tax. It was the idea of the delegates that the reserve fund on hand should not be drawn on to carry on the present national affairs, but at the same time the national organization should not be handicapped in carrying out various plans and ideas for the lack of funds. That if the national officers were willing to devote their time without compensation to the furthering of the interests of the association, that the active men should supply the wherewithal for the necessary expenses. It is apparent that a fund derived in the manner above set forth would be such a one as would be of much assistance and would not be a burden upon any individual active man. I personally consider that this is a matter which should have serious thought at the time of the next Congress and hope the matter will be taken under advisement by the delegates thereto.

2. It was the opinion of the majority of the delegates at our conclave that the burden of supporting the PALM was resting mostly upon the active men and that the alumni of the Fraternity were not giving it the support it deserved. Each active man is required to subscribe for the PALM, and the chapter is held responsible for the subscription of each of its active members. It was not in any spirit of fault-finding that the active members expressed themselves in favor of some effort being made to increase the alumni subscriptions, but with the idea of bringing the alumni to the realization of their duty in this respect to their Fraternity. It was also conceded that every active man should



be a subscriber, but it was also thought each and every alumnus should have his name on this subscription list. In view of this opinion, I, soon after the adjournment of this conclave, carried on a personal campaign among the alumni residing in this Province in the endeavor to enlist them as subscribers. Although I addressed a letter and followed same with postal card to two hundred and fifty alumni residing in this Province, urging them to become subscribers, the result of this campaign was that only twenty-two of the alumni responded to the subscriptions. I was somewhat discouraged with the result of this effort, but was assured by Brother Reno, of the PALM, as compared with similar subscription campaigns which he had carried on, the result was even better than he had anticipated when I first took the matter up with him. Some of the 250 alumni whom I addressed were already subscribers. As I did not desire to put Brother Reno to the trouble of advising me of the men who were subscribers I addressed letters to this number of our alumni regardless. However, this fact shows the little interest taken in our national publication by the alumni. In view of the fact no alumni dues are assessed, as is the case with some of the national fraternities, it is no more than just that the alumni should be giving better support to the publication. Brother Reno, during the past three issues, has set forth special articles dealing with the various associations and has endeavored to make the material contained in the publication of special interest to the alumni.

I, therefore, heartily coincide with the opinion of the delegates to the conclave that some efforts should be made to increase the alumni subscriptions. I will not at this time endeavor to set out any specific suggestions, but hope that this matter will have the thought and consideration of the delegates of the chapters and those of the alumni associations to the next Congress and that some scheme will be devised whereby the interest will be awakened in this connection.

3. It is appalling the large sum which is due the various chapters from the alumni of the same. Ten thousand dollars is probably a very conservative estimate of the total amount due. This has been the result often of a lax financial system on the part of the chapter, but with the new universal system of account-



ing which has been recently installed whereby the national organization can keep a closer watch over the financial affairs of the chapters, they being required to make monthly reports to the Province Chiefs, it is the hope of the national officers that some check will be placed whereby an active man will not leave the chapter indebted to it. However, to assist the chapters in collecting money due them from alumni who have left in the past and are still indebted, is a question. If the sums due were to be collected it would be of material assistance toward the lot and house propositions of the various chapters, as it is a general rule that money collected in from alumni is applied to these sources. It would seem as if some plan should be devised whereby the national officers would be given authority to collect from the alumni money due. If an older man and a professional business man were to take the matter up with an alumnus it would probably have more effect than if a younger active man would write in regard to the matter. If this matter were to be handled by some one of the national officers the chapter for whom the services were rendered should be willing to pay for same, provided results were obtained, and I believe while it would be a benefit to the chapter it would at the same time become a source of revenue to the national organization. This matter is presented for consideration and should the delegates to the coming Congress consider it advisable, some legislation should be enacted to put the plan into force and effect.

4. When the question of some prohibition being placed on the initiation of high school fraternity men was suggested, it was expected that the matter might meet with some opposition and that at least there would be a difference of opinion among some of the delegates present at the conclave above referred to. However, the delegates were absolutely and unanimously of the opinion that some ordinance should be adopted at the next Congress whereby after some future date no chapter should be allowed to initiate any man who had previously belonged to a high school fraternity. The delegates all expressed themselves freely upon the matter and each and all stated in their opinion, and in that of the members of their respective chapters, there was no excuse for the existence of high school fraternities and that the national

organization should place itself on record to this effect. However, the delegates felt that due notice should be given to the present existing high school fraternity men in order that they should know after a certain length of time membership in a high school fraternity would bar them from initiation in our national organization. There was some difference of opinion as to the date which should be fixed when such an ordinance should go into effect, and the date of January 1, 1918, was fixed rather as a maximum limit, it being the opinion of one of the delegates that no earlier date should be fixed and the others conceded to his views in the matter, although they were rather of the opinion an earlier time should be determined upon. It is therefore the consensus of opinion of the chapters of this Province that some legislation along the line set forth should be enacted, and I am sure when the matter is presented to the next Congress it will, no doubt, be met with the hearty approval and support of the delegates of this Province.

As before stated, the above and foregoing were the four recommendations made at this conclave for consideration at the time of the next Congress, but I desire to mention an additional matter which I believe should have the consideration of the delegates to the Congress. It is my opinion that some universal system of grading of the various chapters should be devised whereby a relative rank and comparative standing of the chapters could be determined; that certain credits or points should be given the various chapters as to their standing in scholarship, athletics, debate, and the political and social life of the institution. For inefficiency, failure to pay certain taxes when due, or make reports, should be considered as a demerit against the chapter and thus reduce the standing of the chapter. In making such a grading the size of the institution, as well as the requirements thereof, should be taken into consideration and, if necessary, to bring about a system whereby the chapters should be divided into two or three different classes.

As it is at the present time, it is hard to say which chapter is the strongest, or is making an impression, or which is entitled to the highest rank. If some such system, worked out in detail as above set forth, were to be worked out in the national organiza-

tion, it would then give certain standing to each and every chapter. I believe the result of such a system would be beneficial to the chapters in that as a matter of pride each one would strive to have its rank or grade as high as possible, and I further believe that at least annually a report should be published showing the relative standing of all the chapters in our organization in order that it might be brought to the attention of the members of the chapter their relative position in the national organization. This suggestion is made for consideration at the next Congress, provided the delegates thereto consider it worthy of their deliberation.

GEO. B. DRAKE,  
*Chief, Province III.*



To those who have followed the developments in fraternity organizations and chapter life during the past decade, it is increasingly evident that if the Fraternity is to attain and maintain the position in college life which its professed ideals justify, we must seriously consider our responsibilities and build up our organization to meet the opportunities given us.

Many of our older alumni, who for the past decade, or even for a shorter period of time, have been out of active touch with the Fraternity and its developments, do not realize the condition of affairs today, and are often inclined to think that the administrative methods of the past are suitable to meet the problems which are coming to the front as never before. Times, however, have changed and methods must change with them. It is my opinion that the problems of the Fraternity, as set forth in our Worthy Grand Chief's recent article in the PALM, demand the serious consideration of all thinking fraternity men. To meet these problems, the prime requisite is a strong central administration, and I believe the time has now come when we should not hesitate to revise our Constitution if it appears advisable, in view of the developments in fraternity and college life which are now before us.

I believe we may well consider the consolidation of certain of the administrative officers of the Fraternity into one general officer who shall devote his entire time to maintaining the records, administering the finances and serving as the general executive



official of the Fraternity. This possible change, however, should in no way act to reduce the activity or influence of the Province Chiefs, who, I believe, offer the best method of supervising the work of our active chapters. To my mind, no traveling secretary could hope to cover the field as do the Province Chiefs even from a geographical standpoint, and certainly his personal influence on the different chapters, when spread over the entire Fraternity, would be practically negligible. I believe that our Province Chief system, whereby loyal alumni give freely of their time and effort to the problems of the Fraternity, is one of the greatest assets that the Fraternity has, and means far more to the undergraduate than would the efforts of a paid traveling secretary.

The question of maintaining alumni loyalty should also receive serious consideration. Efforts have been made along this line in the past, but do not appear to have borne much fruit. My own opinion is that alumni loyalty can best be maintained through the efforts of the chapters themselves, as an alumnus' interest primarily centers in his own chapter, but it should be possible to work out some scheme of maintaining this interest, such a scheme if necessary to be administered by the national Fraternity through the local chapters.

The high school fraternity problem has already been considered by many of the leading national fraternities, and a ban placed upon them. In principle, this appears proper, but local conditions must also be considered. This matter may well receive serious attention at the Congress, and some plan worked out whereby a ban may be placed upon high school fraternities, same to take effect after reasonable notice, thereby protecting our chapters and serving notice upon the younger generation as to their standing as possible fraternity men when they enter college.

The matter of records and annals in our different chapters has never been given the attention it deserves. Each chapter, in a measure, has its own method of keeping records. To insure proper, adequate and standard annals, a uniform system of records and books should be laid down and furnished by the national organization and kept according to definite prescribed regulations. We are not apt to appreciate (particularly from the undergraduate standpoint) the importance of maintaining the integrity of our



records, showing the conditions throughout the years, but this really forms one of the most important links between the chapter and the national Fraternity, and Congress should take definite action to insure its integrity and further the work so ably directed by our present Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals.

It is the hope of every fraternity man to see his chapter housed in its own quarters. What has been done to date in this direction has been accomplished almost entirely through the efforts of the chapters themselves, and rightly so, but it seems that a definite campaign by the national organization along certain lines might well be adopted, the idea being to offer to the chapters a method whereby they could attain a chapter house of their own, such method to be under the direct supervision of the Province Chiefs.

The necessity of impressing on our undergraduates the critical status of the fraternity problems of today, and endeavoring to make every one of us appreciate that his effort along constructive lines is needed to accomplish the ends we seek, cannot be too strongly emphasized. To that end, it is to be hoped that the delegates will meet at Nashville impressed with the importance of their duties, and that the type of men sent as delegates will represent the strong men of the Fraternity.

ALEXANDER MACOMBER,  
*Chief, Province IV.*



In the course of my activities as chairman of the committee to arrange for the Nashville Congress, a few problems have presented themselves which I think might wisely come before the legislative body of our Fraternity for consideration and action. One of these is the definite determination of the status of alumni associations. I believe that these should be an active working part of our general Fraternity. Just what system should be evolved to best effect this I think should be a matter for careful deliberation. Certainly there should be a special charter for such organizations issued by the general Fraternity, and each chartered association should be allowed a delegate and vote in Congress. The questions arise as to how many such organizations are desirable, the minimum number of active numbers

required, the amount of territory to be covered by each, etc. Alumni associations can be of much help to active chapters in their vicinity, as well as contribute to the welfare of the members of such associations. But probably their greatest usefulness should be in the larger affairs of the Fraternity in an advisory capacity which, I believe, can be best stimulated and applied by giving them representation in the Fraternity's legislative body.

Another question which has arisen in the discussion of plans for the entertainment of Congress, and which has caused a certain amount of confusion among our local alumni, is that regarding the serving of wines and other liquors at the various functions. Fortunately Max S. Erdman, W. G. K. E., made us a visit recently and settled the question so far as we are concerned this time. However, this is a problem which should be settled by the Fraternity as a whole and with it, probably, the question of the approval or disapproval of the use of liquors at chapter and other fraternity affairs. I am not of the opinion that any ironclad laws should be passed with regard to the personal habits of our brothers, but the sentiment of our Fraternity on this popular problem, officially expressed, would, I feel sure, offend no right-thinking member and would be an additional evidence of our efforts for the moral uplift and general betterment of our younger members especially. There are numerous antagonistic influences at work against us, willing to use every means to prove the alleged abuses of the fraternities. We all know that inebriety, as well as other moral digressions, are in no way approved by our Fraternity, or any other for that matter; but let us state our position and make its influence felt even by our enemies.

The only other question which I shall speak of is that of the "horse play" which accompanies the initiation ceremony. To most of us who have been accustomed to see it and take part in it, it probably seems the proper thing to do. Those chapters who have discarded it I believe are very strongly opposed to the practice. Personally I was raised on it, but have never seen any very good reason for its existence. It has no connection whatever with the ceremony except to destroy its dignity and solemnity. I shall not attempt to present the many arguments for and against this practice, as these were discussed at length in the

last issue of the PALM and should be read by every interested Alpha Tau. But if this custom is to be permitted at all it should always *precede* the initiation ceremony proper. The reasons for this are obvious, I think.

As in our state legislative bodies we may easily go too far in the matter of enacting laws. Moral influence, on the other hand, will often accomplish more than a law and this is even more true in student than in civil life. Therefore, let us hope that the twenty-fourth Congress will not have as its function simply the enactment of laws and the transaction of a certain routine of business, but let it express to our chapters and to the world at large our lofty ideals as they should be practically applied to the making of better and more useful men.

R. WALLACE BILLINGTON,  
*President, Nashville Alumni.*



In the first place, the colleges and universities are coming more and more to insist that initiations do not take place until the sophomore year. I believe that it would be an excellent thing for our Fraternity through its Congress to legislate in regard to this matter—not pass a law prohibiting the chapters from initiating until that time, but pass some resolution along this line and appoint a committee to confer with other leading fraternities and thus assist in bringing about the condition that, I believe, all the faculties desire, and indeed, that toward which the fraternities themselves are looking forward.

In the second place, it seems that the high school fraternity is extremely unpopular before the public. It is said that much of the criticism of the college fraternity arises from the association of the two names, many people feeling that the two organizations are synonymous, that their tendencies are the same and that the finished products are similar. It would seem that Congress might take up this matter and through a committee concurring with like committees from other fraternities establish a rule prohibiting the initiation of men previously belonging to high school fraternities. Indeed, Congress might feel that the



time is ripe to assume the entire responsibility and enact such a measure governing the Fraternity regardless of the action of other fraternities.

In the third place, there remains to me, the most important matter of all that might come before Congress. I do not feel that our Fraternity has been making sufficient progress along the line of ownership of chapter houses. It has ever been the one weakness of our organization. There has never been the emphasis placed on this matter that there should have been. I suppose our Grand Officers have put it aside for the reason that they never could see where the money was to come from. It is not necessary that it all come at once, but it is equally true that every chapter in our Fraternity could own its own house within a year or two if the proper method were to be followed and, moreover, every chapter would have its home free of debt within a few years and be firmly established, so that in the following years it would be in a position to constantly increase and improve its property holdings. I should strongly recommend that this matter be placed in the hands of a commission with authority to act with the end in view that before another Congress meets every chapter own its home.

R. W. MCKINNEY,

*Secretary, Springfield Alumni.*



There is one strange state of affairs that has come to my knowledge, of which I am most surprised, and whether this case belongs to legislation, I am not qualified to speak; but, when I was told that an Alpha Tau who had been regularly initiated and had lived amongst his brothers in a southern college, finding it necessary to enter another institution in the Northeast, was informed that he could not affiliate with the Alpha Taus in that locality without being voted upon by that chapter, then my ideas of a fraternity received a very severe shock, and I have wondered if Alpha Tau Omega really stood for what we are taught that the words imply. If one is not an Alpha Tau, but in his own chapter and cannot find the welcome in any other of our chapters, then legislation of any sort is needless, for we have missed the goal.

B. M. BRIGMAN,

*Secretary, Nashville Alumni.*



The only thing that has suggested itself to me is that something be done to encourage the building of fraternity houses. Why wouldn't it be a good plan to make it compulsory on the chapters to start a house fund and have each initiate to sign a pledge to pay a certain amount of money within a certain prescribed time? Perhaps there is some such legislation now on the books of the Fraternity, but the writer, not being as well posted as he might be on A. T. O. legislation, is not aware of its existence.

D. S. KRUIDENIER,

*Secretary, Des Moines Alumni.*



Some time ago it occurred to me that it would be a good idea to have a "Life Subscription Rate" to the PALM. The idea grows, though I have few details to suggest. If no more than a hundred or so subscriptions were secured, even that would be a labor-saving policy for the publisher, avoiding the necessity of handling a hundred small checks and writing an average of seven letters to each subscriber to get those small checks each year. A number of alumni subscribe to the PALM a few years after leaving college and later voluntarily drop, or involuntarily fail to keep up their subscriptions; some of these, I am inclined to believe, would probably become life-subscribers.

The fund thus accumulated would, of course, be invested and only the interest used. The rate, I believe, could be fixed at an amount, say \$20 or \$25, which would yield the annual subscription, or even less, in interest. Presuming that only fifty of our 8,000 living alumni and more (1911) would subscribe and that only ten new names were added each year, barely more than one from a province, would it not pay? The list might be appreciably increased, if graduates would be credited with their \$6, which they have to pay during four years of undergraduate life, provided they pay the balance within one or two years after graduation.

W. S. BRYAN,

*Alumnus, Ga. Alpha Theta.*



Our experience at Oregon leads us to ask the Congress to take a stand on high school pledging, a practice general in so

many schools and which became so bad here that the fraternities united in an inter-fraternity council and agreed that after September 10, 1914, no man could be pledged until registered in the university. I am not aware of the extent of the system of high school pledging, but in Oregon it has caused a feeling against fraternities to be fostered all over the State, and many a good man in prep school has been almost ruined by wearing a pledge pin for a year or so. Besides the injury to the man himself, I know of cases where other good men did not come to the university because they were not pledged to a fraternity like their friends.

Along the same line comes the matter of high school fraternities. The present attitude of looking with disfavor on such organizations, as set forth in the *Handbook*, should, I think, be crystallized into a definite legislative action to the effect that a high school fraternity is undesirable, and that, after the present members are graduated from the preparatory schools, future initiates will not be eligible to membership in Alpha Tau Omega. This kind of an action would not be at all radical, but would in effect merely come to the aid of the few national fraternities that have such a rule. There is no doubt as to the harm done college fraternities by the high school organizations, besides the bad effect upon the youthful members of the different societies.

I do not know the present status of the Fraternity Directory, but we have one published about 1912. If there is a later book I will get one. If not, some action should be taken by the Congress or High Council, so that a revised directory might be issued about every two years by the proper officials.

Although we are weak on legislation which should be considered, we come in more emphatically on the matter of the policy of the Fraternity in regard to new chapters, especially in the West. There are many small schools, including state universities and agricultural colleges, which in a few years will be ripe fields for expansion. The Pacific Coast is growing rapidly and there will be an astonishing growth shown in most of the schools of this section in five more years. When one considers that California this year had 6,000 students and Washington 3,500, the rapid increase is shown. These schools will rank high, and

the smaller colleges of the West, at least fifteen or twenty, will in a very few years rank ahead in both numbers and, possibly work, of the small eastern schools where good chapters of A. T. O. are now found. So when we say we stand for expansion our position is taken advisedly.

EARL BLACKABY,  
*W. M., Oregon Gamma Phi.*



There is one thing which stands out in my mind above all others; namely, the necessity for a campaign against parental objection to fraternities. There are a few suggestions of legislation which occur to me in this regard. I outline them as follows:

1. Legislation: Authorizing the appointment of a fraternity publicity committee. It would be the purpose of this committee to work with similar committees of other fraternities in the effort to turn public opinion in the favor of fraternities. What such an organization could do is of course problematical, but it seems to me that a few earnest men could do much in this line. Perhaps other national fraternities might have no such committees with which our men could act. Why not present a petition to other fraternity Congresses requesting the appointment of such committees? If there is yet no organized movement why not let Alpha Tau be the fraternity to instigate such advance?

2. Requiring each chapter of A. T. O. to have a committee having absolute authority over matters of moral and scholastic delinquency. The operation of such committees ought to tend to raise the standard of our chapters above the ground for just criticism.

3. Requesting the issuing of a letter to every member of our Fraternity (especially the alumni), asking each man to do his best to use his influence in the downing of parental objections, whether the fraternity interested be A. T. O. or any other.

4. Authorizing the collection of statistics from every chapter of A. T. O. which will show us how many men are lost each year through parental objections.

LYLE M. CLIFT,  
*W. M., Mich. Beta Lambda.*



1. A thorough system of examinations on the Secret Work, Constitution and History of the Fraternity be installed under the supervision of a national officer. I believe that a thorough knowledge of these matters will give the individual member a more broad-minded, intelligent grasp of the problems to be solved, not only by his own chapter, but by the national Fraternity. This is not a new idea; this chapter has had such a system for three years and many of the other chapters have such systems, but I believe that a standard national system, put upon a competitive basis with a trophy offered to the chapter having the highest average in fraternity examinations—as Delta Tau Delta does—would heighten the individual member's enthusiasm.

2. The appointment of a general, traveling secretary be authorized. Such a man would draw the chapters into closer contact and would enable the national executive officers to be constantly in touch with each chapter through a national officer personally known to the undergraduates in each chapter. Such a man could help, right now, in the proper installation of the Uniform System of Chapter Accounting. He might be charged with conducting the examinations suggested above. He could gather invaluable data on the attitude of the various chapters toward proposed legislation. He could suggest solutions to problems vexing the various chapters by his knowledge of the manner in which some other chapter solved a similar problem.

3. A model initiation be conducted at Congress.

4. The management of the PALM be authorized to receive life subscriptions to the journal, at a price to be fixed by it, with the approval of the High Council.

5. The Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals be authorized to publish a new Pocket Directory, to be issued in May, 1916.

6. A definite policy be adopted in regard to expansion. I know that some will say that expansion, as such, is past, but surely there will be applications for charters coming up from time to time, and it seems to me that it would be advisable for us to have a well formulated policy toward these applications rather than the present vagueness on this point.

H. C. KELLERAN,  
*W. M., N. Y. Beta Theta.*



Whatever legislation may be passed at the Congress, it should not include any action making high school fraternity men ineligible to membership in Alpha Tau Omega. The matter should be fully discussed, but no definite step should be taken; the time for a constitutional amendment is not yet ripe.

At present, but a small proportion of the national fraternities have passed any legislation in their national bodies regarding high school fraternity men. A few, indeed, have declared that in the future these men shall be ineligible, with the proviso, in some cases, that they may become eligible by resigning their membership before a certain date, and a large number of fraternities have given the matter thorough discussion; but as yet definite adverse legislation has not become sufficiently general among other fraternities to warrant us in taking such action at our present Congress.

Let us take the case of Alpha Omicron here at St. Lawrence. In none of the other fraternities represented here are high school men ineligible to membership. Of the ten men whom we have pledged this fall, four were fraternity men in high school. Being desirable men, all of them, without doubt, would have joined one of the other fraternities if they had been excluded from ours. In other words, since, in general, high school fraternity men are college fraternity material, our choice would have been restricted to six-tenths of the possible men in the entering class. Of course, if all of our competitors had had regulations excluding high school fraternity men, our loss would have been, relatively speaking, nothing. Further, the fact that our Fraternity discriminated this way would give to the casual man about to enter college a prejudice, involuntary perhaps, against us. All we ask, therefore, is that no action be taken now.

The evils of the high school fraternity we fully appreciate. We have seen many evidences of its pernicious influence, and hope some day to see it abolished. We realize, too, that one of the best means of attaining this end is by rendering its members ineligible to membership in the leading national fraternities. Now, this may be done in one of two ways—by national interfraternity conference ruling, or by practically concerted action on the part of the largest fraternities.

The former would be the ideal way of dealing with the situation, but would, of necessity, take time. The latter, from present indications, promises to be the method eventually used. But for Alpha Tau Omega to assume premature leadership in the movement could not but work harm to the chapters situated in colleges with non-restrictionist fraternities.

Some of the chapters will, perhaps, be in favor of legislating against high school fraternities at this Congress, the ruling to take effect at a later date, say in January, 1916. While our Congress meets in January the national conventions of many of the other fraternities are scheduled for later in the year. Let us not run the risk that the majority of fraternities will fail to take action similar to ours, if we should pass this amendment this year. Martyrdom in such a case would be far from glorious, and to be compelled to rescind such an action later would make us ridiculous. If definite adverse legislation should be passed it would be necessary to send notification of this action to the high schools from which Alpha Tau Omega draws, and practically this would mean notifying every academic school in the United States. That this could be done satisfactorily in a year's time without great effort and a large expenditure of money, is doubtful. However, if this action could be taken simultaneously with a large number of the other fraternities, little difficulty would be experienced in making known our action. On the other hand, if the time for the ruling to take effect were extended from one year to two, we would reach the date of our next national Congress, when final and more satisfactory action could be taken.

Another matter which should come to the attention of the Congress is a resolution providing for the establishing of an "Alpha Tau Omega night" in all the large cities in which there are alumni, and designating a certain restaurant in each for the meeting place. There a simple dinner could be held and the idea of the city fraternity club could be carried out for one night, at least, in each week. It is not improbable, too, that the inaugurating of this plan might not pave the way for the establishing of such. Certain it is that it would be a tie of friendship and of true Alpha Tau Omega spirit.

H. S. SUTTON,

W. S., N. Y. *Alpha Omicron*.

I have taken this question before the chapter and they would like to suggest to the Fraternity at large the benefit to be derived from the publication of a booklet containing the photographs of our chapter houses, photographs of prominent brothers, active and inactive, of each chapter, together with a brief but comprehensive report of the activities of each chapter. While many of these things are published in the PALM from time to time, yet we believe that many items of interest could be gathered together in this booklet which have not been previously published. We think that such a booklet would assist both in rushing and in keeping the chapters more intimately acquainted with each other. I believe Nebraska Gamma Theta did something along this line in 1912, and no doubt we could get some very good information on this subject from them.

W. R. PEARCE,

*W. M., Colo. Gamma Lambda.*



We have seen in Alpha Tau Omega, during the past six years, a remarkable amount of more or less sporadic sentiment crystallized into specific purpose and definite policy. Under the present Constitution the Fraternity has so progressed in matters of general and province administration, as to remove mere administrative questions from the center of attention of our Congresses, and make way for matters more broadly significant of the Fraternity's purpose and more fundamentally pertinent to its permanent effectiveness. Our Founders' high conception of the Fraternity's objects and aims has come to be more generally understood and appreciated, and the fact has come to be more generally realized that Alpha Tau Omega has reasons for existing other than providing congenial spirits an opportunity for association, holding biennial conventions, publishing a very creditable periodical, and performing other similar functions of purely administrative nature.

As a result, we have seen the working of a broader and more altruistic spirit, which has found expression in such definite action as the institution of the Honor Roll, discrimination against undergraduate organizations of questionable purpose and immoral influence, a closer supervision of the business, social and scholastic



activities of the various chapters and their members, the enlistment of the co-operation of the authorities in schools where chapters exist, the postponement of initiation until the pledge has fulfilled certain scholastic requirements, and the many other accomplishments of lesser or greater importance, but of similar aim.

This sound, constructive policy, which looks to the upbuilding of college life along broad and solid lines, has been developed, and can be further developed, only when those upon whom the leadership rests are free from the worrisome and wearisome matters of administration, which, though important, are essentially secondary. If we are to continue this commendable policy, we must increase the efficiency of our organization that we may fill creditably the broadened field. I do not mean to imply that the affairs of the Fraternity have been inefficiently or comparatively inefficiently administered. But splendid as has been the advance toward the chosen goal, none can doubt that more progress would have been made, and made at less individual sacrifice, had the leaders been free from the mass of routine and drudgery which now is incident to the national offices.

The establishment of a general office, the duties of which shall be secretarial and supervisory in their nature, presents, in my opinion, the chief factor in attaining the highest efficiency in the functioning of the Fraternity. This office should stand in the position of a clearing house between the chapters and the grand officers. All routine correspondence from the chapters and alumni associations could be handled through it. To it could be delegated a large amount of the secretarial work now done by the Worthy Grand Chief, Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals and the Province Chiefs. All the duties of the Worthy Grand Scribe could be vested in this office, and through it the editor of the *PALM* could be relieved of substantially all of the onerous incidents of his estate. These and the many other things which now the grand officers must find spare time to do, could be handled systematically through this office at a great saving of time and labor, and leave the grand officers free to exercise the potentialities of their positions and their personalities toward the working out of the more fundamental destinies of the Fraternity.



In the framing of this office, however, care must be taken not to lighten the responsibilities of the grand officers. This office should not have the effect of setting the grand officers apart from the workings of the chapters, but should enable them to dispose their energies where they will count for most.

Necessarily the proposed office will carry heavy responsibilities and will require the services of a man of understanding, tact and ability. He will be the "business manager" of the Fraternity, and in selecting him the Fraternity must demand the same qualities which the stockholders or directors of a large and busy corporation would require of their business manager. Necessarily it follows that the man for this position must receive remuneration commensurate with the abilities which the position demands, and the Fraternity would make a grave mistake in fixing the salary of this position at too small a figure.

Hand in hand with the establishment of this new office goes the question of finance. Through wise and careful administration the Fraternity has made, saved and invested money. The proposed office will increase the running expenses of the organization by the amount of its salary. Based on the report of the Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer, at Congress four years ago, I estimate that the annual receipts of the national organization amount to approximately \$4,250 exclusive of the equalization tax. The annual disbursement incident to running the national organization, exclusive of equalization disbursements, is approximately \$2,500; leaving thus an annual balance of \$1,800. This amount will not cover the salary of the proposed office, although the office, in all probability, will effect a saving over the amount expended under the present system sufficient to make up the difference. However, that will be running uncomfortably close, and we should not tolerate the idea of our national organization being pinched for funds. This question of increased income is one which the Fraternity has got to face sooner or later. The sources of our present income are initiation fees, profits from the PALM and interest on investments. Of course, there is also the equalization tax, but I do not count this as income, as it is simply an exchange between the active chapters.

There are two methods by which our national income may be

arbitrarily increased. One is by raising the initiation fee, and the other is by the collection of national dues. I do not think that the first method will be feasible. An extra five dollars on the amount now asked by chapters as an initiation fee would make an amount to which the average college freshman would not be entirely indifferent. Annual dues of one dollar per capita from the active chapters would furnish between one thousand and twelve hundred dollars,—initiates not paying annual dues. But the active chapters should not be the only source of revenue. We have forty-nine alumni associations which have absolutely no financial responsibility to the national organization. A per capita tax on alumni directly or through alumni associations is impractical. An arbitrary annual tax of \$10 on each alumni association would be easily, and in my opinion, readily met. The income derived from these two sources will give the national organization another fifteen hundred dollars annually. This plan is offered as a suggestion, as it probably has been offered heretofore, but whether or not it seems feasible or will be ultimately adopted, the question of increasing the resources of the national organization is insistent and must be answered now or very soon.

These two projects, the provision of a "business manager" and the increase of the revenues of the national organization, are, in my mind, the most important constructive measures ahead of the Fraternity. There are a number of matters, less fundamental, but equally deserving of thoughtful consideration. One is the desirability of keeping the alumni in closer touch with the active interests of the Fraternity. Whenever the question of anti-fraternity legislation is raised in any of our state assemblies, we must be in position to fight it, not only as college men, but also as business men and voters. It has been my observation that a thousand or so letters from communities well distributed over one of our commonwealths are pretty sure to open the mind of a state executive or legislator. Coherent and immediate action by alumni will always stand a fraternity in good stead, but it can be expected and taken intelligently only when the alumni are informed as to what the fraternity is doing. Here I am perhaps getting outside of the question of legislation, but it strikes me

that an annual, semi-annual or a quarterly letter from the Worthy Grand Chief to the alumni members of the Fraternity would bring great returns in interest, activity and co-operation. With the establishment of the proposed secretarial office, the Worthy Grand Chief will be able to undertake this.

In the same connection, the issuance of a new edition of the pocket directory should be authorized. Together with the normal changes of location, the annual addition of a generation of four or five hundred brothers to our ranks, necessarily limits the utility of a directory to a period of four years at most.

The question of high school fraternities may well be brought to final conclusion. It should be considered from the same broad viewpoint as have been the questions of T. N. E. and scholarship requirements of pledges. The Fraternity will be the gainer in the end.

The question of establishing some sort of prize for the chapter of the Fraternity securing the highest scholarship average for a year, has been suggested. While this suggestion is no doubt prompted by most commendable motives, I do not believe that it will be feasible in operation or salutary in effect. Widely different standards of grading obtain in the different small colleges, large colleges and universities in which we have chapters. Moreover, I prefer to consider good scholarship a matter of individual obligation and fraternity pride, rather than a means of competition, or the subject matter for material reward by the Fraternity. *Good* scholarship is its own reward, and redounds to the credit and prestige of a chapter independently of the relative scholastic merits of different chapters.

Revision of the ritual has been hinted at on various occasions. The ritual has come down to us from the first. It is something we all, old and young, have in common. While certain passages could be improved by changes in wording, and while the initiation ceremony no doubt would be improved by some changes in the properties, any action in this regard should be taken with the purpose of improving and heightening the present effects, and, most imperatively, not with the purpose of making substantive changes.

I believe in Alpha Tau Omega. I know that her grounding



is firm, that her purpose is worthy. I feel in her present activities a peculiar power, a significant vigor. I see her future filled with the brightest promise. I have faith in all her parts, and confidence that her activities will continue to be governed by a spirit which is progressive, requirements which are exacting, and a vision which is broad.

C. S. BUTLER,

*Alumnus, Ill. Gamma Zeta.*



After a long time spent in investigation and experiment, we have installed in every chapter a system for keeping account of our dollars and cents, and now why not work out some way to keep account of our members? And one of the matters that seems to me most important for legislation at the coming Congress is to start the ball rolling with a good push toward building up a solid, uniform method of keeping our annals.

No doubt every chapter has some way for keeping a record of its members, but probably this consists in many cases of the man's name and where he comes from, with very little attempt to recording what becomes of him after he leaves school. To me, the fact that our alumni drop so completely from our view after graduation marks a degree of failure on the part of the Fraternity, although the entire blame does not rest on the organization, but rather a good part of it on the individual. But there is no question in my mind that if we could improve our manner of keeping the alumni in touch with our interests we would find them much more willing to reciprocate. And we can only do this by knowing all about each and every one of them, where he is, what he is doing, as well as all about him while he was an active member. "Once an A. T. O. always an A. T. O." surely applies to every man that is initiated, but why can't we make that in the active rather than in the passive, as it only too often turns out to be? All this should be the end in view in perfecting our annals.

To remedy the fault there are undoubtedly various ways, but there are a few fundamentals that should be included. First, there should be a comprehensible and convenient form of record, either in a book, or an index card file, but in any case careful provision should be made for the protection of these records in



case of fire. As to what statistics there should be is a matter for discussion, but as well as the necessary facts about the man's home, parents and former school connections, it seems that an accurate record should be kept of what he did for his school and chapter, and an up-to-date account of him after he leaves school. At first we may say it would be impossible to keep in touch with a man after he is out a few years, but it wouldn't be an absolutely impossible task to send cards asking for changes of address to every alumnus every year at least. In this way each chapter would have in easily accessible form exactly what every member it ever had was doing, and where he was located.

Now that we have this information the question comes up "what are we going to do with it?" And the best use it can be put to is to keep the alumni in touch with the doings of their chapter. There are various means of accomplishing this, by booklets, chapter letters, or some such scheme, but they are all along the right principle.

And so by improving and systematizing our annals, and then using the improvement to active advantage, we can surely eliminate the larger part of that lack of interest on the part of some of our alumni. Such lack of feeling is not the fault of the graduate as much as it is of the active members, and for that reason it seems that we can well afford to devote some time and energy to investigating the uniform keeping of chapter annals.

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*W. M., Mass. Beta Gamma.*

## The Editor's Views

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Elsewhere, we are publishing complete and detailed information concerning every feature of the forthcoming Congress. The matter there presented is a sufficient guarantee and assurance of the success of the Nashville gathering. Nothing remains to be said except to urge a large attendance by active and alumni brothers.

We are satisfied that the Nashville Congress will be one of the most important meetings in all our history. We would think so even without reading the replies to our question, "What legislation should the Nashville Congress enact?" printed in this number. The changed and changing conditions of the Greek world and the great era of constructive and reconstructive work inaugurated by the present administration make almost imperative the consideration of grave problems never before presented to a Congress of Alpha Tau Omega. The Nashville Congress is bound to make history because the demands of the hour are that it shall do things never before proposed or attempted.

We have repeatedly endeavored to emphasize the desirability, not to say the necessity, of having a large attendance of brothers at Congress. The Congress will have need of its best brains, of its ripest judgment, of its maturest thought. Which is merely another way of saying that it is the duty of all alumni, whose breasts still thrill with the thought of Alpha Tau Omega, and whose hearts and minds still cherish her welfare, to be present at Nashville and aid and assist in carrying forward the Fraternity's great work.

Nor is our message for alumni alone. We want the active men to come to Nashville,—the active men from California to Colby, and from Chicago to Tulane; the newest freshman to the oldest senior. We want every mother's son of them. No active man

was ever injured by attending Congress. On the other hand, if he received no other special benefit he, at least, learned to know his fellows from distant states and to understand how closely are men bound together in the sweet ties of Alpha Tau Omega. The observant youth will learn much more. He will learn something of his Fraternity that he has never been able to glean at chapter and conclave meetings; he will see a large, dignified, deliberate assembly at work and will secure practical training in parliamentary practice that may be of immense value in the years to come; he will be impressed with the seriousness of Alpha Tau Omega and how zealously, unselfishly and unstintedly men have given and are giving of their time and substance to make their college fraternity a real and true and useful instrumentality for good in America. Let the active man come to Nashville to greet the alumni and to aid them in passing upon the problems of the Congress.

Of course, we are not asking men to come to Nashville merely to legislate. We want them to enjoy themselves even while engaged in business of great importance. To that end Nashville has prepared a program that excells anything we have ever seen. It is a bond given to secure a good time at Nashville, and he who takes advantage of the generous hospitality thus offered will have no dull moments. The dance, the smoker, the receptions, the banquet, are in themselves enough inducement to take a man from home even in the holiday season. But added to all this is the supreme pleasure of being with the boys again; to be young for a while; to feel again the old thrills that surged through one's bosom way back in 'Umpty Eight when some one called the "Hip! Hip! Hurrah!"; to experience again, even for a few days, the spontaneity, the enthusiasm, the joyousness of unspoiled youth—these are pleasures not upon the program, but they are the property of any man who comes to Nashville.

On to Nashville!



Somewhere it should be recorded that the past two years have been unusually satisfactory and successful ones for the Fraternity. Never within the experience of the writer have so



many varied projects been finally completed, so much of research work accomplished, and such valuable constructive work planned for the future. Nor has there been so great an interest in Fraternity work manifested within the past decade. Alumni associations have been unusually active and the chapters have, with very few exceptions, shown almost unparalleled aptitude for their official tasks. Indeed, in every department of the Fraternity, there is noticeable a vim and vigor that amounts almost to a revival of interest.

Of course, much of this is due to the national administration which has been untiring in its efforts to fully develop the latent forces of the Fraternity, as well as to direct these forces to the attainment of proper ends. The Grand Officers and most of the Province Chiefs have devoted almost unlimited time and attention to their work, and some of them, notably the Worthy Grand Chief, the Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer and the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, have given days, and even months, of their valuable time to the Fraternity. Surely, Alpha Tau Omega is singularly blessed in the character, ability and efficiency of the men who are now entrusted with the destiny of her fortunes.

But Grand Officers do not make a fraternity. They may direct; they may guide; they can and do inspire and enthuse men to action. But unless they can appeal to a spirit within men, unless there is something in men which, although dormant, can be stirred into life and vigor, their efforts go for naught. This spirit of the Fraternity, howsoever aroused, has certainly manifested itself within these two years. The credit for all the good work accomplished during the biennium now ending belongs to no one man. There is glory enough for all. But it must be gratifying to one like Nathan F. Giffin to be able to review all these many evidences of renewed loyalty to Alpha Tau Omega and to realize that it has occurred while he was the responsible chief executive of it.



Within the past two months there has been introduced into the sixty-four chapters the uniform accounting system and today every chapter is conducting its finances in exactly the same manner as are all the other chapters.



This system is the final outcome of many resolutions of the High Council and Congress, and was the subject of frequent consultations of the Grand Officers. It was the one project which Alexander Macomber placed before all others for many years. We remember discussing the matter with him more than eight years ago while he was yet an undergraduate member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology chapter. His earnest and repeated advocacy of a simple yet adequate uniform system of accounts naturally secured the appointment of him as a committee of one to devise such a system. The system now introduced is largely his, though he has had the valuable assistance of a competent firm of expert accountants. We cannot too highly commend the many years of labor which Brother Macomber has lovingly bestowed upon his pet project and we hope that he will be amply rewarded for his efforts by the satisfaction of knowing that his system has produced every result for which it was designed and remedy every evil it was expected to overcome.

But let us not forget that a system of accounts is no better than the individual or individuals in charge of it. A system cannot make a systematic man. An account book cannot make an accountant. The accountant must make the accounts. The system will never be one whit better than the men back of it. Which naturally leads us to remark that there is absolutely no use in placing the account books into the hands of a man who cannot or who does not want to keep accounts. If the system is to be worth one particle it must be operated by men who, at the least, try to understand it and who wish to work it successfully. The system in itself is helpful. That is, a man of ordinary intelligence can easily master it, if he wills to do so. But it will never master the man and it will not keep itself, nor will it ever make a man do something he does not wish to do.

No doubt this is all very obvious, yet the young men in the chapters are apt to imagine that Congressional legislation and the results thereof are ends and not merely means to an end. In short, they imagine that a system will work well, although they do nothing with it. Let it be understood that this system is a mere means to an end. The system provides the tools, but the chapter must provide the man.

We desire to suggest to the Fraternity the advisability of taking up the matter of a history of Alpha Tau Omega.

We have mentioned the matter in these columns very frequently in the past. But we have failed to make any appreciable impression.

We published a *Manual* of the Fraternity, having two objects in mind. First, to provide a handy reference book of information and, second, to illustrate concretely how little information can be gleaned by even a close student of all our secondary sources of research.

In season and out of season, we have advocated the preparation and publication of a history. Almost fifty years have passed since the foundation and yet there is no adequate history of all these years of effort, of labor, of victories, of achievements. The men who made Alpha Tau Omega, who bore her burdens upon their shoulders, who know her past, are passing to the age of silver grey and before long will have been admitted into the Chapter Eternal. Yet if a history is to be written it must be written from the words of their lips.

Let no man imagine that the historian's task is a light one. Walter B. Palmer spent twenty-five years in writing the history of Phi Delta Theta. The history of Alpha Tau Omega cannot be produced in less than five years—an exceedingly conservative estimate.

But the work should be started. The Nashville Congress should appoint a historian. Not a committee—no committee ever wrote and never will write a history. Appoint a man, and instruct him to go on with the work and give him command of sufficient resources to prosecute the work of compiling the data. When he has compiled the matter it will be ample time to consider the matter of printing and publishing the book.

Now that the Handbook is published, the uniform accounting system in use, a new song book under way, the Fraternity generally prosperous, at the very pinnacle of its usefulness, the way is cleared for a history of fifty years of effort for the accomplishment of the objects of our being.

Let the Nashville Congress—the fiftieth anniversary Congress—authorize a history!

The Wooster chapter has surrendered its charter and Ohio Beta Mu is no more.

When the Wooster authorities announced that, in order to secure the Severance endowment, the fraternities would be ousted from its campus, in common with the whole Greek world, we protested against the outrageous crime. However, undismayed by its impending doom, our chapter continued to perform its duties and functions, and retained its charter in the hope that the ban might yet be lifted. Shortly after the passage of the resolution abolishing fraternities Mr. Severance died. He left no will and had not entered into any legal obligation binding upon his heirs or estate. This circumstance afforded some basis of the hope for the eventual reinstatement of the fraternities. Consequently the chapter continued to maintain its existence, although unable, because of the trustees' resolution, to recruit itself by initiations.

But President Holden has stubbornly resisted every effort to obtain a repeal of the odious ruling. It would seem that the only reason for the rule having vanished the rule itself should be abrogated. The man who purchased the honor of the institution having died without paying the tainted thirty pieces, there was no earthly reason why the college should not retrieve itself. But there are and there have been no assurances for a repeal during this administration of the college. In the meantime the chapter was reduced to numbers so small that it could not longer properly and adequately perform its constitutional obligations. A surrender of its charter was inevitable and with the advice and consent of the Worthy Grand Chief and the High Council that step was finally taken.

With the loss of Ohio Beta Mu goes one of the most precious links in our chain of chapters. Founded in 1888, during that period of the Fraternity's exuberant youth, when she was seeking new fields of usefulness, by that great Alpha Tau missionary, E. J. Shives, Ohio Beta Mu has not only maintained a continuous existence to date, but has ever been one of the most loyal, most efficient and most useful chapters of Alpha Tau Omega. During its career of twenty-six years it has initiated and sent out into the world no less than two hundred men who have been of in-



estimable credit to Wooster and to Alpha Tau Omega. Few have allowed themselves to forget the fraternity of their youth and their glowing perennial love for Alpha Tau Omega has made Ohio Beta Mu a chapter both conspicuous and successful. Even now we carry on our rolls of general officers two of her sons—Rev. Paul R. Hickok, the Chairman of the High Council, who has distinguished himself and his chapter and secured magnificent results to the Fraternity in every one of his many official positions, and Frank R. Bott, Chief of Province II, whose Fraternity activity, begun early, has continued unchanged through the changing years and made him the uncrowned leader of his corps. Ohio Beta Mu has more than paid for the privilege of a charter from Alpha Tau Omega, and as it passes to the realm of the extinct we are somewhat consoled by the contemplation of its splendid record of high endeavor and glorious achievement.

Our opinion of Wooster is not likely to alter her course. She will continue to instruct the young according to her own lights. Yet, we cannot but regret that now, at the very zenith of her prosperity, when about to enter into the promised land of a wider and greater usefulness, she should have forged fetters that will bind her down to a state of utter helplessness. Can Wooster now ask young men to follow the example of her authorities? Dare Wooster, in any conflict, stand for honor as against dollars? Having bartered her right to govern, exchanged her discipline for promised endowments, degraded herself for temporary advantages, may Wooster now exalt manhood above pelf? Wooster—poor Wooster!—is forever doomed to silence upon the great questions that even now are agitating the bosoms and hearts of all humanity. In the conflicts between materialism and idealism she has no voice to speak, no arm with which to lead, no influence with which to guide. Gagged and bound by the fetters of an unholy bargain, Wooster must content herself with teaching merely the letter and not the spirit of the law. She may teach civics, but she cannot teach civic righteousness; she may teach men how to translate and parse and scan Greek, and she may use the Greek New Testament as a text exercise, but she cannot be trusted either to interpret or to inculcate the beautiful idealism of the sublime Sermon on the



Mount. Wooster has irretrievably circumscribed her sphere of usefulness by her mad hunger for wealth.

Meanwhile Alpha Tau Omega will pursue the even tenor of her way. With courage unabated, with principles unaltered, with ideals untarnished, with a new determination borne of the distressful realization that as long as men make market of their honor there is a mission for her, Alpha Tau Omega will continue to uphold the great truths upon which and only upon which Christian manhood can stand safely and securely. And, if in the bitter moment of temptation, only one poor, harassed young man shall abjure the awful example of Wooster and be lead by the ideals of Alpha Tau Omega, the Fraternity will be well repaid for years of unceasing service, for the immense sacrifice of time and money generously lavished by loving votaries upon it and for the relentless efforts to instil in young men the eternal verities illustrated by the badge and exemplified by the ritual.



We regret to announce that we have accepted the resignation of one of our associates, H. L. Blankenburg, and that his long term of service ceases with the publishing of this number.

Brother Blankenburg has been connected with the *PALM* as an associate editor since 1909, and during the past four years has been in charge of the Greek exchange department. Even before his official connection with the magazine and while an active member of the Wisconsin chapter he contributed several very valuable and instructive articles to these pages. After his appointment he continued to contribute occasional articles and some of his efforts, notably those on "A. T. O.'s in Football," "A. T. O.'s of Achievement" and others of like character were among the very best features published by the present *PALM* management. After the retirement of Hendree P. Simpson as associate editor, we invited Brother Blankenburg to take charge of the Greek exchange department. He accepted the task and entered upon his work with enthusiasm and interest and within a short time his department became one of the best features of our issues. Indeed, many of our readers have told us that his was the most readable, the most instructive and the most useful department of the *PALM*. It is pleasant to know that this good opinion of his

work was shared by our Greek contemporaries and that Greek-letter magazine editors have generally conceded to the PALM the distinction of presenting to its readers one of the best Greek exchange departments.

We are sorry to lose Brother Blankenburg, not alone because of his valuable literary assistance, but because we shall miss his constant kindly criticism, his unvarying words of encouragement, his intelligent counsel and advice and the close connection between us that have gone far to lighten the load which these editorial duties impose. At our suggestion and importunity he deferred his resignation until this date and now only because he insists upon his desire to retire we have accepted his resignation. But we shall always cherish the recollection of his long period of unrequited service to us and we know that the Fraternity will join in the thanks we here extend to him for his splendid efforts for Alpha Tau Omega and its PALM.

Fortunately, we have been able to find some one to take the place thus vacated. In a moment of almost inspired confidence "Uncle Bill" Smiley, the present efficient Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals, told us that he had had some little experience with making newspapers. He alleged that he knew how to cut and paste clippings and otherwise decorate good white writing paper. Accordingly we invited him to a place in the sanctum and he has accepted and will henceforth preside over the Greek exchange department, beginning with the March PALM. Brother Smiley needs no introduction to Alpha Taus and we predict that very shortly the Greek world generally will know and admire him in a measure no less than ours.



The chapters cannot exercise too much care in preserving their records. The recent fire at Gettysburg wiped out all her records. Gettysburg was founded in 1882, within a year after Alpha Tau Omega crossed Mason & Dixon's line, and has maintained a continuous existence to date. In many respects it has had a notable career. On two occasions the general Fraternity recognized its ability and confided to its care certain work usually confided to officers or committees. In 1886 it published the song

book for the Fraternity and later was delegated to reduce the secret work to cipher. Naturally, the archives of Pennsylvania Alpha Upsilon had a value to the general Fraternity and their loss creates another gap in our historical collections. It possessed one of the four complete files of the PALM which was destroyed with its records.

But the records of every chapter are equally valuable and every chapter should use extraordinary care in their preservation. Safes are so cheap nowadays that there is no excuse for not possessing a small fireproof safe. A chapter that does not take measures to guard its annals will most certainly regret its action when a calamity puts them beyond all use.

Might it not be well to consider the advisability of requiring chapters to file all old records for which there are only occasional uses (*e. g.*, old minute books) in the office of the Worthy Grand Keeper of Annals? Certainly, Alpha Tau Omega must do something in the way of preserving her ancient records. In the past she has been negligent in this respect and before it is entirely too late something must be done in order that posterity shall have a fair chance of knowing what Alpha Tau Omega did in the past.



If the number of chapter publications increases we shall be compelled to establish a separate exchange department for them. We are glad to note that our chapters have engaged in the publishing enterprise and believe that, properly conducted, a chapter publication will be invaluable in securing and maintaining alumni interest in the active chapter and the Fraternity generally. The PALM, for obvious reasons, cannot give to each chapter the space it necessarily requires to press its claims for the interest and attention of its own alumni. It follows that the chapters must use other means of interesting their alumni and this many chapters are now doing in a manner that is both adequate and commendable. We trust that we shall have an opportunity of examining and reviewing all of them as and when they are published.

Possibly the most elaborate publication is the *Year Book* of Nebraska Gamma Theta. The number before us is for 1913-14



and we have no means of knowing whether it is the first issued by the chapter. It is a well printed, paper bound pamphlet of thirty pages, illustrated with a good group picture of the chapter and containing, among other things, a brief write-up of each member, a history of the chapter for the year, a letter from the Omaha Alumni Association, numerous alumni personals, together with a collection of more or less modern college jokes. Those who remember Thaddeus E. Saunders, the Nebraska delegate who made a brilliant speech at the Louisville Congress during the badge debate, will appreciate the one attributed to him: "I haven't smoked for two days now, counting tomorrow." The Nebraska publication might well be used as a model by any chapter.

The Colorado chapter issues the *Schwamaquegan* annually, the one at hand being the fourth, and it is rated after the Nebraska year book only because it contains less pages than the other, twenty being the number of pages in the issue before us. It too contains a good picture of the chapter, a write-up of the Province II conclave, alumni personals, news of the active men, an article on athletics, and announcements of three weddings among the active men. No wonder the scribe remarks, "To judge from the conduct of Alpha Taus during the past twelve months, Dan Cupid himself, in the guise of an innocent freshman, must have been pledged to the chapter last fall." Seven marriages among the alumni are chronicled. The Colorado chapter must be somewhere in the .400 average class in the matrimonial game.

The Tufts chapter issues *The Alumnus* "every little while," the number before us being No. 3 of Volume II and dated September 15, 1914. Its four pages contain a well written report of the year's work by Henry W. Burritt, the Worthy Master, an article about the opening of the rushing season, list of alumni visitors and an account of a baseball game between the alumni and the active chapter. The Tufts chapter makes a determined effort to induce its alumni to attend meetings of the chapter. To that end it designates some of its meetings "Alumni Night" and makes an effort to get alumni to such meetings. The idea is good. Nothing inspires active men so much as the presence of alumni at the formal meetings of the



chapter. Moreover, it's good for the alumni. The alumnus, busied with his everyday affairs, cannot be too often reminded of his obligations and of the principles and ideals of his fraternity.

*Gamma Tau News* is a large two-page, three-column newspaper. Volume II, No. 1, dated October 20, 1914, is at hand. Wisconsin issues it every two months. It is well written in the best newspaper style and tells of the progress made in the construction of the new chapter house, and sets forth other university and chapter news. Of course, there is the usual column devoted to jokes and "knocks." We suspect no college magazine would be quite complete without it.

The *Penn Tau Dopesheet* was published, for the first time under date, October 28, 1914. Four pages are devoted to an explanation of its reason for being, personals, athletics and announcements of various events. Under the title of "Undergraduate Activities" we learn that one man has grown a mustache and another "is trying to—peace be unto the ladies." The matter should be called to the attention of the Worthy Grand Chief as an activity deserving the award of an honor certificate!



The Cornell chapter is using a neat printed card to acknowledge the receipt of recommendations of prospective members. The card reads:

DEAR BROTHER:

New York Beta Theta of Alpha Tau Omega wishes to thank you for your recommendation of Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

This matter will receive immediate attention.

Fraternally,

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*Chairman, Rushing Committee.*

We do not know how many chapters acknowledge recommendations, but the chapter that does not need not be surprised if it receives few or none in the course of a few years. Alumni are just as human as the rest of mankind and they like to read a few words of thanks when they have gone out of their paths to favor the chapter. We think the Cornell idea is worthy of use by all chapters.

## The Greeks

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### THE PERPLEXING PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITY.

What position the general fraternities should take toward the professional and honorary fraternities and vice versa is a problem that each is trying to solve in a manner which will allay the perplexity of dual membership and improve internal conditions in the respective organizations. The problem becomes complex not only because of the indistinguishable differences in some cases between professional and honorary, and in other cases between honorary and quasi-honorary; but also because of the great differences in local conditions, as will be appreciated by reading clippings quoted later. A rule which may be just in a majority of cases may be a rank injustice in another. Hence legislation becomes a problem. Likewise, the general fraternities must carefully distinguish between the professional and other types of fraternities, which for want of a better term we shall call "honorary." The difficulties which these present to us makes one ready to accept the term "ornery" for them, which was once used by a facetious person in describing them.

Before discussing the question let us read an excellent article that appeared in the *Shield* of  $\Phi K \Psi$  showing the variety of positions in which these organizations find themselves.

The most striking feature in the recent development of the fraternity system is the rapid multiplication of professional and honorary fraternities. By the first is meant those whose membership is confined to students in professional schools, such as  $\Delta K K$  and  $\Phi B \Pi$  in medicine,  $K \Psi$  and  $\Phi \Delta X$  in pharmacy,  $\Delta \Sigma \Delta$  and  $\Psi Q$  in dentistry,  $\Delta \Phi \Delta$  and  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$  in law,  $\Delta X \Sigma$  in chemistry,  $\Delta Z$  in agriculture,  $\theta T$  and  $\theta \Xi$  in engineering, and  $\Phi M A$  in music. By the second is meant (1) those whose membership is theoretically determined by intellectual superiority in some field of academic work, as  $\Phi B K$  in arts and sciences,  $\Sigma \Xi$  and  $T B \Pi$  in technical schools,  $\Sigma \Delta X$  in journalism,  $\Phi K \Delta$  in education,  $\Delta \Sigma P$  in oratory,  $\Delta Q A$  in medicine, and so on, and (2) the various class societies, which are more or less prevalent in the various colleges.

The membership of both honorary and professional fraternities is composed largely of members of the regular undergraduate fraternities, and in the case of the professional fraternities this has sometimes led to embarrassment. Thus  $\Delta X$  which started as a professional (law) fraternity, drawing its members indiscriminately from the regular fraternities, began to occupy chapter houses and to enter into competition with the general fraternities. A change in policy was necessitated, and when the members of general fraternities were excluded from its rolls,  $\Delta X$  emerged from the ranks of the professional fraternities to become a half general literary-law fraternity. Another curious case is that of  $\theta \Xi$ , whose members are not allowed to belong to a general fraternity, but who are always chosen from technical school students.

The distinction between the honorary and professional fraternities, however, is often negligible.  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ , for example, is usually classed as professional, but in most of its chapters membership is regarded as honorary, the fraternity holding largely the same place in schools of law that  $\Phi B K$  holds in schools of arts and sciences.  $T B \Pi$ , on the other hand, a purely honorary fraternity, furnishes the anomaly of having its chapters at Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Purdue and Wisconsin lodged in chapter houses. The Cornell chapter of the honorary scientific  $\Gamma A$  owns a house, while eleven chapters of  $\Phi A \Delta$  reside in rented houses. Where, then, is the line to be drawn between undergraduate, professional and honorary fraternities?

No one has any objection to urge against  $\Phi B K$ . It distinctly stands for scholarship, and although some students may describe all who wear the key as grinds and unrepresentative men and women, nevertheless the key is a magic one that stamps its wearer as being of solid intellectual attainments. Any fraternity that does this has a *raison d'etre*, and if more undergraduate fraternities conferred as clear and as undeniable an honor on their members, we should hear nothing of the abolition movement that is now rampant.  $\Phi B K$  secures this standing by its scrupulous honesty; any man or any woman who makes the required average is eligible, regardless of whether or not his or her parents came over in the "Mayflower" or descended from Pocahontas. Should  $\Phi B K$  require that the new members each year be chosen from those who have made a certain average by secret ballot, gone would be her prestige. Such is the method of procedure used by  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$  and others in some schools, and membership in their august chapters is more of a by-word than an honor—at least among people who think.

Time was when the professional and honorary fraternity demanded no particular allegiance from its members, but with the rapid growth of such fraternities the desirability of a fraternity spirit became evident and these organizations saw that their weakness lay in the lack of the same. Meanwhile the honorary



fraternities were losing something of their honorary nature and were assuming the life of the general fraternities, elections were by secret ballot, houses were rented and the social side taken up, in the manner of the general fraternities. At the present time only  $\Phi$  B K retains its identity as a strictly honorary fraternity. Small wonder then that these organizations were confronted with the same problems that the older fraternities had been confronted with; namely, that they must establish an individuality. Some of the professional and honorary fraternities have taken action on this matter. Others are discussing the problem. Let us survey the field and see what has been done and what is being said.

$\Delta$  X was the first professional fraternity to take matters in hand and decide to stand on its own feet. Its policy has undergone two important changes. For years it initiated only law students, and in so doing it initiated men who were members of the regular college fraternities. Then it decided to discontinue initiating members of the general fraternities and later to initiate students in the academic courses, provided they expressed the intention of adopting the legal profession. By broadening its scope it is today a literary-law fraternity and for this reason has been admitted into the Inter-Fraternity Conference. So much misunderstanding has arisen about the position of  $\Delta$  X that it prompted the following statement from one of the officers of the fraternity:

There are two questions that have been most frequently raised concerning its policy. The first question concerns the reasons that prompted it to exclude members of the regular college fraternities from its membership, and the second one refers to the broadening of its scope of eligibility.

Replying to the first inquiry, I beg to quote a paragraph by the Nestor of college fraternities, William Raimond Baird, who, in taking our fraternity to task for the change in its policy of excluding members of the so-called general fraternities, said:

"We can the more readily comprehend the regular college fraternities forbidding their members to join any other similar organization, for the professional fraternities and other intercollegiate Greek-letter organizations are essentially parasitic in character and necessarily weaker than the tie which binds the undergraduate fraternity men together."

This comment seems to be, to my mind, a sufficient answer to the



indictment. It was just because  $\Delta X$  found itself growing to be "essentially parasitic in character" and that the "tie" was "necessarily weaker" that it resolved to make the change.

If, as Mr. Baird says, the professional fraternity is "parasitic in character," there can be no reason for its existence. Its only effect would be to weaken the allegiance of the Greek-letter man to his college fraternity. His loyalty would be "parasitic" and when his law school days are over he remembers that he "belongs" to a professional fraternity, and that is all. He owes it nothing. His interest in it is perfunctory. His loyalty to his college fraternity returns and his was only one more name added to the list of a "parasitic" fraternity's membership. A recent article in the *Shield of  $\Phi K \Psi$*  hit the nail right on the head when it said that college fraternities should do something to keep their members from joining a lot of organizations which are injuring their spirit.

I am making no criticism of those professional fraternities which care to continue this existence; my comment is directed to the experience of  $\Delta X$ , and, that exclusion of general fraternity men from our membership has been for the better, no member of the fraternity, alive to its present improved condition, will gainsay.

Ten years ago when the movement to make  $\Delta X$  a real fraternity was started, the fraternity existed at most of its chapters as mere law clubs, the membership of which were recruited in a large part from the other Greek-letter organizations. While many men were added to our rolls who have been ornaments to the fraternity, and who have worked zealously in her cause, candor compels me to state that they were brilliant exceptions. Then but two chapters in the fraternity occupied chapter houses; no attempt was made to take part in the affairs of the larger Greek world; no magazine was issued; in short, we were at sea, rudderless and without chart or compass. We were riding on the waves bound for nowhere.

$\Delta X$  saw that it was "parasitic"; that the tie which bound its membership was "necessarily weaker than that which binds college fraternity men together," and it resolved that it must either become a fraternity with a purpose or lapse into what we know to be practically law clubs. Five years of agitation; several stormy conventions; the loss of several chapters served to convince  $\Delta X$  that the change must be wrought. And it was wrought. It was not without heart-aches; it was not without stormy scenes; it was not without misgivings for the future. When the field was cleared, it was found that greater happiness and a unity of purpose had been brought about. It made  $\Delta X$  one thing to all men.

Look at the change from then to now. Every chapter save two occupies a chapter house and both of those chapters are located in the two largest metropolitan cities—even these two chapters occupy apartments. Six of our chapters own their chapter houses; fifteen chapters

rent them—all of them are with some definite plan for chapter house requirement. A wide-awake magazine is issued; there is a larger attendance of active and alumni members at conventions; there is an unqualified interest in the work of the international organization and a large definite interest in the Pan-Hellenic movement looking toward a better understanding of college fraternity problems. *ΔΧ* does not divide its loyalty. It is no longer "parasitic." The tie that binds our members is as close as that which links the membership of the "regular college fraternities" and all because *ΔΧ* realized the very things which Mr. Baird saw—all because it needed the undivided support of its sons.

The second question concerns the policy of *ΔΧ* in taking men from the literary departments. This must be looked at from two standpoints; the ethical and the practical.

There is no doubt but that *ΔΧ*'s field of endeavor was limited by the exclusion of general fraternity men. I will not attempt to gainsay the fact that it was necessary for it to widen the field of eligibility. To exclude men who were members of other fraternities meant to bar a large percentage of students who before that time were eligible. It needed to widen its scope and increase its possibilities. That is the practical view.

*ΔΧ* believes that we differ only in the view as to when the law college education commences. We believe that a man is just as much engaged in preparation for the law when he enters the literary department, with a present bona fide intention to study law, as he is when he purchases his first copy of Blackstone. He is looking toward the law as his life work. We believe that much good can be accomplished in training these men from the very beginning of their college course. We believe that by teaching them respect for the law and having them in close touch with men whose aims in life are similar to their own, that they are better fitted for a legal career. It gives the freshman initiate six years' close touch with his fraternity and gives him a better view of her ideals than he could possibly secure if he were only associated with the fraternity during his actual law school career.

Such is the policy of *ΔΧ*. It has a definite aim and purpose. It is a fraternity, where fraternity and not the law is the prime object. Its legal work is highly secondary to its fraternal character. It is a progressive fraternity. Its delegates to the Inter-Fraternity Conference are among the first to have power to bind their fraternity by the rulings of the conference. The international organization is using every means possible to have its chapters affiliate with local inter-fraternity conferences and to abide by their rules. At such schools as have not as yet admitted *ΔΧ* to their local councils, the fraternity urges that its chapters comply with all rushing rules and inter-fraternity agreements in so far as is permissible. It is heartily interested in the work of the conference and in all Pan-Hellenic movements.

Therefore,  $\Delta X$  more closely resembles what we are pleased to call general college fraternities than it does professional fraternities. Its problems of rushing, scholarship, inspection, chapter house acquirement, accounting, etc., are exactly those which face the general fraternities. It does not enter into competition for men, except in rare instances, with the professional fraternities. On the other hand, it is an avowed competitor of the general fraternities. It feels that since fraternity and not the law is the basis of its organization, that it should aim to associate with those fraternities that aim toward the goal of friendship, but in doing so, it holds in high regard those societies which seek to elevate the law and are banded together teach an increased respect for it.

Acacia, the Masonic college fraternity, was for a long time beset by protracted and exciting debates over the proposal to prohibit the initiation of men who are members of other fraternities, and eventually passed a law limiting the membership to men who were not otherwise affiliated and thus took on the status of a general college fraternity, though in a measure that of a professional fraternity since it confines its membership to members of the Masonic order.

"A Plea for the Professional Fraternity," is the title of an excellent article by Dr. T. B. Pearson,  $\Phi X$ , which appeared in *Banta's Greek Exchange*, bearing on this phase of the problem. Extracts are taken from it:

Pan-Hellenism has become the paramount idea of all the general fraternities. One does not peruse the pages of a Greek publication without being impressed by the immense amount of literature on the subject, of the importance this movement has attained in the fraternity world; issue after issue presents either an article on Pan-Hellenics or the minutes of "the previous meeting" with editorial comment; article after article has been copied by the editors with the idea to impress on the membership of their fraternity the absolute necessity of co-operation by Greek-letter fraternities.

In the beginning when our attention was first drawn to the subject we dared hope that after a few years when the general fraternities had put aside their prejudices—still retaining their serious traditions and customs—suppressed among themselves their petty jealousies, an actual Pan-Hellenic conference would assemble and Greek-letter men would become brothers *de facto*; but alas! all these things have come to pass—the conference is formed, has met and deliberated, but with many fraternities not only not members, but not requested to become so.

Why have they been excluded? This is the question we wish to bring to your attention.



Does the word "professional" so stigmatize a fraternity that it is not acceptable to the general fraternities; in what is the difference in their aims or in their precepts? Since they seem ineligible, what makes them so?

The questions must be answered in a manner that admits of no contradiction; so, that either class may stand undisputed in the attitude they assume to each other. Here and there the impression is conveyed in no unmistakable terms that the membership of the professionals is not of a standard to permit amalgamation with the generals—a baser mold, as it were! We cannot disregard this alien conception so many of the members of the literary fraternities have of the professional. To explain it is a very difficult matter. To attribute it to snobbishness would be unjust, for we know no fraternity teaches in its ritual such sentiments and, too, we know that on more than one occasion have we seen, read and felt the condescending attitude assumed toward fraternities of the professional class by those of the general. That the latter had reasons in former years for this sentiment we do not deny, and that the opinion formed in days gone by is still entertained by many members and officers we cannot deny for the reason that it is true. The professional fraternities, we acknowledge, have in a measure accepted the superior air of the generals and attempted in no way to remedy or even alter it. We do not feel called upon to defend the professional fraternities nor condemn the general fraternities in this matter; it was a part of the relationship that existed between them. We do, however, and fervently too, hope this article will create a kindlier sentiment toward the professional fraternities and by submitting some facts that may have escaped our Greek brethren who are so fortunate as to call themselves general fraternity men, place the professional fraternities on a plane to which they are justly entitled.

The professional fraternities, of recent years, have grown so phenomenally; the esprit 'de *corps* has become so strangely elevated that it *forces* itself on any observant student of fraternities that the professionals by their presence require recognition by the fraternities which are mainly responsible for their existence, growth and improvement.

The unprecedented rise of the professional fraternity is due to this one condition—men from general fraternities becoming alumni in their formative years have entered the professionals and given to them the benefit of their experiences in the literary fraternities; they have profited from the errors made therein and have guided their new brotherhood clear of the course that may have caused much dissension in the older and general orders.

To conclude: There is but little difference in the two kinds of fraternities. Their objects are the same; their constitutions differ only in non-essentials; their governments are identical. If there is a difference it is in favor of the professional fraternities in this—they have been able



to select their members from the best material of the generals. Seldom today, is a medical fraternity called upon to initiate an inexperienced boy to discover later a mistake has been made. The fact that he is a degree man and a member of one of the general fraternities is sufficient recommendation for any chapter. If he was a good fraternity member while in the university then he will be a VERY good fraternity member in a professional school. Maybe it is a "*warmed over bid*," but the experience he brings with him is the force that is placing the professional fraternities in a class where the general fraternities cannot longer ignore them. In at least twelve universities the medical fraternities are competing with the literary fraternities for bids and are governed by the local Pan-Hellenic agreements and yet—"only a professional" spirit seems to hold the fraternities from the position they are, of right, entitled to.

Let us turn then to the attitude of some of our general fraternities toward the professional honorary fraternities. There seems to be a remarkable unanimity on this side to limit membership to one fraternity. With the professional fraternities of the same mind it should be easy to meet on common ground. Having agreed upon a course of single membership it should be possible to so draw the lines that membership in honorary fraternities, if there is any honor in them, would still be permitted. Obviously membership in  $\Phi B K$  must in justice to every one be permitted.

Read first what R. E. Rollins, a member of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , says in the *Shield*, taking care that you do not confuse honorary fraternities, as mentioned therein, with fraternities of the rank of  $\Phi B K$ .

The undergraduate fraternities are slow to realize that their own existence is jeopardized by these mushroom growths. The professional fraternities do not, to be sure, constitute so grave a problem, since a member of a general fraternity usually joins after leaving his first chapter to enter a professional school. Even then they divert his attention from the general fraternity, and by dispersing his interests make him a lukewarm alumnus of both his chapters. But the honorary fraternities create a most serious problem because they are found in the college proper among the undergraduate fraternities. In nearly every college there are students who belong to a dozen or more local and honorary organizations and who, if they should put on all their badges and jewelry at once, would shine more resplendently and more gorgeously than the Lord Mayor of London at his great state banquet.

It is obvious that a man who belongs to a dozen clubs has great difficulty in doing creditable work in his college studies. The chapter, then,

which encourages its members in joining honorless honor fraternities throws a boomerang that may destroy it. They will soon become so burdened with the numberless duties of these smaller organizations, or they will become so interested in them (though this would seem impossible) that their interest in *the* fraternity wanes, droops, dies. This does not mean that they could be rigidly excluded from joining prominent local clubs; for any college that is worthy of the name has clubs or societies which confer on its members far more honor than any of these second-class national fraternities can give. But too many local clubs are fully as injurious as too many national organizations: common sense will tell when to begin and when to stop.

The superabundance of honorary and professional fraternities, if left to the non-fraternity men to whom they rightly belong, may solve a knotty problem. Non-fraternity men are extremely loyal to the honorary fraternity, and naturally, for there is nothing to divert their loyalty. Perhaps if the majority of them become honorary and professional fraternity men, there will be no one left to suggest or to fight for the abolition of fraternities.

K  $\Sigma$  likewise comments editorially in the *Caduceus* on the subject and says "Polygamous membership is on the toboggan."

$\Delta$   $\Upsilon$  finds itself in a quandary and comments, as below, appeared in the *Quarterly*:

B  $\Theta$  II calls attention to the fact that the laws of the fraternity prohibit membership in  $\Theta$  N E and provide that any undergraduate who has become connected with that society after the passage of the act of prohibition will be dropped from the rolls.

$\Delta$   $\Upsilon$  has legislated against  $\Theta$  N E, but may well examine its laws to see if they are stringent enough to prove effective.

Not alone  $\Theta$  N E, but all professional and so-called honorary societies are discussed editorially, and the question is raised if the same prohibition should not be extended to these, on the ground of divided allegiance. This is a subject worth consideration by every fraternity, and by the professional fraternities themselves.

$\Delta$  X has found it necessary to extend her membership down into the undergraduate body, and now takes in undergraduates who intend to study law later. This is a weak proposition if  $\Delta$  X intends to retain its character as a professional fraternity, but it makes it possible for the organization to class itself as a "general fraternity." However, this condition puts  $\Delta$  X outside of the classification of "professional fraternities" which the constitution of  $\Delta$   $\Upsilon$  permits its members to join, and the chapters should make a careful note of this fact. Also the convention should make a note of it and may well compile a list of "professional and honorary fraternities," which are open to our members without violating the constitution.

The editorial in the *Beta Theta Pi*, to which the *Δ Υ Quarterly* refers, says about professional fraternities:

It may well be discussed at the convention of 1914, or some other convention in the near future, whether or not the prohibition against joining *Θ Ν Ε* should not be extended to every professional and so-called honorary society, except those in which membership is obtained solely upon a scholarship basis like *Φ Β Κ*, *Σ Ξ* and *Τ Β Π*. It may even be questioned whether this prohibition should not be applied to the last-named society. This society is developing more or less into a social organization, and, in some places, it has chapter houses. It publishes a journal and is endeavoring to create the same kind of loyalty and fraternal sentiment as is engendered and cultivated by the undergraduate college fraternities and thus, in a sense, it is becoming a rival to the fraternities. There can be no possible objection to fraternity men joining a professional fraternity like *Φ Δ Φ* or *Ν Σ Ν*, where the chapters of such professional societies are located in professional schools not intimately connected with universities having undergraduate departments in the immediate neighborhood. When this latter situation exists, as it does, for example, at most of the state universities, there is inevitably when a student belongs to an undergraduate and a professional fraternity a divided allegiance between the two organizations and usually to the disadvantage of the undergraduate fraternity. Because it stands to reason that an organization composed of men studying the same profession and interested intensely in the same subjects, is going to be stronger, other things being considered, than an organization purely social in its nature, such as the undergraduate fraternity must be, especially where the student has taken part in its affairs for three or four years. And, as we believe that the undergraduate fraternity is worth many times over the professional or so-called honorary fraternity, we reiterate that it may well be brought up as a subject for consideration as to whether or not membership in these essentially parasitic organizations should not be forbidden.

Assuming then that we are united in our opinions that the professional fraternity should establish its integrity as a fraternity, with its ideals and purposes defined as clearly for its members as are the ideals and purposes for members of general fraternities, what will be our attitude toward these organizations? We must grant that they aim to do for their members what we aim to do for ours. Their problems are the same as ours. Shall we open the doors of the Inter-Fraternity Congress to them and exemplify by the act the fullest meaning conveyed by the words "Pan" and "Hellenic," or will we compel them to pursue their ways unaided and unguided. In these days of impending exter-



mination by hostile legislatures and faculties co-operation may be the "Safety First" that will save our lives.



### THE HIGH SCHOOL "FRAT."

The question of how to deal with the high school and preparatory school fraternities is assuming greater importance in our councils. The phenomenal growth of these secret societies can be attributed to the impetus and insidious power of propulsion that characterizes any fad, whether in the world of fashionable society or in the world of school children. For the last ten years these organizations have multiplied at such a rapid rate that their influence upon scholarship and discipline has forced the problem of their existence upon the educational authorities as a burning question which must be faced squarely. When a feature of school life becomes so common, it is bound to prove itself a powerful influence either for good or for evil. No satisfactory argument has yet been presented why they should continue to exist. Nothing but opposition has been met with, and any organization that is so universally condemned must have the elements of evil in it. School authorities condemn it because it has placed in jeopardy the very existence of the schools themselves. What attitude then should the college fraternities take toward them? Have we had reason to complain because of unfortunate experiences with their members in our organizations on account of lessened enthusiasm and fraternity spirit or on account of difficulties of assimilation? Do we suffer from the unfavorable publicity given to such organizations by their pranks and difficulties with preparatory school authorities? Perhaps both questions can be answered in the affirmative. Then arises the question, "How can we be rid of their influence?"

The National Pan-Hellenic Congress has answered the question for the eighteen sororities composing that body. It has ruled that "No fraternity represented in the National Pan-Hellenic Congress shall bid a girl who has been a member of a so-called sorority or other secret society of similar nature existing in a high school or other school of equivalent standing, whether such society exists openly or secretly. This rule to apply to any person who shall



either accept or retain membership in such society after September, 1915."

Similar action has been taken by a number of men's fraternities to rid themselves of the troubles which are theirs by reason of there being included in their membership some members classed as undesirables. But that is not getting at the seat of the trouble, though it may be of assistance to high school authorities in their fight to exterminate fraternities from their schools. The high school students will, of course, be advised of the action of the general fraternities or sororities, but it is doubtful whether it will prevent any high school student from joining the prescribed societies. The real solution lies in the action of the school authorities themselves.

Meanwhile the local authorities are combating the "frat evil" with every means at their command. And it is a hard fight, for they meet a solid front of opposition from the "frats" with reinforcements from the pupils' parents and occasionally open defiance from both. In isolated cases the "frats" have volunteered to disband, which indicates a commendable attitude of self-effacement for the good of the community. Already state laws have been made prohibiting secret societies in the public schools in the states of Vermont, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Iowa, Nebraska, Oregon and California, while Washington has authorized the school boards of cities of the first and second class to prohibit such organizations if they desire. Such legislation should be sufficient.

An article worth reading is the following, which was published in the *Δ T Δ Rainbow* and entitled "Frats and Fraternity":

Almost every town large enough to have a high school has had its troubles with the "prep school frats." These disturbances have interfered with the school discipline, given newspaper notoriety to sundry juveniles who heroically risked not only expulsion from school, but also contact with the paternal bed-slat, and have given a good deal of worry to the parents of the heroes aforesaid. In spite of all their efforts, the high school authorities have generally been unsuccessful in putting down the societies, simply because public sentiment among the pupils sympathized with the "frats," and the principals found it impossible to change this public opinion even by wholesale suspension.

A good many college fraternity members have been watching this

struggle with serious interest, devoutly hoping that the unexpected would come to pass, and that the "bush league frats" would be driven from the field. Now that the situation in most parts of the country indicates that no influences so far brought to bear are sufficient to put down the "frats," these college men are preparing to enter the contest themselves and change the attitude of the high school students. With this end in view, a movement has already been launched to induce the college fraternities to help suppress the high school "frats," for the very true reason that the latter's existence is detrimental to the college organizations.

A prominent member of one of the larger college fraternities recently said, in discussing this "prep school frat" problem, "These dinky little societies are spoiling some of our best freshmen. The boys come to college with the edge taken off their enthusiasm; the fraternity idea, they think, is an old story to them. And you simply can't make some of them work. It's out of the question, they feel, for a 'Grand Centurion of E Σ I Fraternity' to do the chores that are meet and seemly for one of our freshmen."

This man is right. One of the chief reasons for the strong grip that college fraternities have upon their members is that they present a new, attractive life to men at a time when their capacity for enthusiasm and loyal, energetic work is at its highest. If that same interest has been prematurely aroused in a bogus imitation of the fraternity idea, it will be difficult to bring out the loyalty and hard work later on when the man enters college.

The high school "frat" is a counterfeit of the real fraternity because it is unnecessary, and usually ineffective in producing real, fraternal relations among its members. The first is true because boys of high school age, living at home, do not need the guiding influences of a fraternity, even if they were beneficial—and those of the average high school society most decidedly are not. And the "frats" generally fail to produce any real fraternalism among their members, because these members are not usually old enough to pick their friends with mature judgment, as their ideas and habits are still in a state of evolution. In other words, the high school boy is very probably going to choose the kind of "frat" for which, later on, he will have no loyal interest.

Frequently, then, the chief result of the high school "frat" is to familiarize its members with an unsuccessful and disappointing imitation of the fraternity idea, and handicap them when they meet the true type, on reaching college. On the other hand, in those cases where the "frats" have induced a strong bond among their members, this may be, and frequently is, a source of inconvenience, if not serious injury to the college fraternity they join. There have been many instances of trouble in a college chapter resulting from the exclusion of some "prep school brother" of a group of members, or their successful attempt to get him in, over the

better judgment of others, who sacrificed their opinions for the sake of harmony in the chapter.

It is an interesting fact that a great deal of the opposition among college fraternity men to the high school societies comes from former members of such organizations. As men progress into a fuller realization of what a college fraternity means they know just how little their high school "frat" benefited them and how much they were handicapped by it in their fraternity life. The "frats" do no harm to the fraternity in some cases, little in others, but in many instances they do a great deal; and as they are of no compensating benefit, the fraternities will, sooner or later, drive them out of existence.

Sooner or later the Inter-Fraternity Congress will be asked to co-operate with the high school authorities to wipe out the secret society system from the preparatory schools. It may be asked to enact legislation like that of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress. Therefore, we should be thinking of the matter and preparing ourselves to act without prejudice or malice. Let us see what the sentiment of the other fraternity publications is on the subject:

But there are other questions on which no fraternity can act independently, and on which the Inter-Fraternity Conference, if it has any good reason for existence, should act. Take the question of prohibiting the initiation of members of preparatory school fraternities. College fraternity men generally now recognize that the school fraternities are an evil, though they have taken a long time to wake up to the fact. The general experience is that members of school fraternities become *blase* in regard to fraternities before they enter college, and as a rule they make very inefficient members of college fraternities. The principals of preparatory schools are practically unanimous in denouncing the bad effects of fraternities in their schools, and city boards of education almost universally condemn the school fraternities and in many places have suppressed them. The school fraternity is accused of making little prigs of its members, of leading them into extravagant expenditures, of demoralizing their habits of study, and of leading them into habits of dissipation. The faults of the school fraternity have been widely exposed in the newspapers. A large part of the public does not discriminate between the school fraternity and the college fraternity and condemns both on the same grounds.

Much of the odium which attaches to the school fraternity falls also on the college fraternity system. To free themselves from this odium, college fraternities must help to suppress the kid fraternities, and the most effective way to do it is to announce that members of the latter will not be eligible to the former. Unless the college fraternities do this they will



not only be condemned for many of the faults that are laid at the door of the school fraternity, but they will be charged with actually upholding the school fraternity system, and thereby will make many enemies for themselves. But the college fraternities cannot separately effect this reform. They must act together if they accomplish anything of this kind, and the only means of united action is through the Inter-Fraternity Conference. If the conference should approve the proposition that members of school fraternities should be ineligible for college fraternities, that would put an effectual quietus on the school fraternities.—*Scroll of Ø Δ Θ*.

A complete account of the large labors of the convention will be given in *The Labarum*. Probably the most important and interesting legislation was the adoption of a resolution condemning high school secret societies, and asking the co-operation of other fraternities, school authorities and parents in an effort to suppress them.—*Garnet and White of K X P*.

It is held that if the college fraternity is for the betterment of its members as claimed, then it follows that the high school frat must be, too. There is not nor has there ever been a real excuse for high school fraternities except the one of imitation of elders. It has never achieved or accumulated anything—is a fungus growth of transitory attributes. There are many reasons for the college fraternity, and they are so strong that men give their substance and their service to them not only during college life, but often with increasing zeal as the years go by. That faults can be found with fraternity conduct and management is undeniably true. With their aims and principles never.—*Caduceus of K Σ*.

Ø Δ Θ has courageously set the example for other fraternities and at its convention in Chicago adopted a resolution which will prevent the initiation into that fraternity of any one who has been a member of a secret organization during "prep" days. Perhaps, such action on the part of all college fraternities would bring about wiser legislation than now proposed in many states and we hope that Σ A E will soon be one of those national organizations to assist in this good work of elimination and at the same time self-preservation.—*Record of Σ A E*.

We believe it will be generally conceded that secrecy in the college fraternity was originally copied from the fraternal orders. That is, the college boy copied the idea from men in active life. And in taking these organizations as a pattern, is it not true that they copied also the horse play at initiations which has done so much to bring fraternities into disrepute?

And do we not see in that an analogy to the much decried copying of college fraternity ideas by the high school fraternities. We say that the school boys go beyond copying and carry to excess the harmless (?) play of the college man. For example, John Calvin Hanna, B Θ Π, in an article on high school fraternities, says:



"It \* \* \* is a mere aping, and so an unconscious burlesque, of the tinsel machinery of the college fraternity without its need and without its spirit. All froth and all decay and all excrescence connected with any or all college fraternities, is imitated, selected, developed, exaggerated and made triply offensive by the high school frat."

Admitting what he says, is the fault all to be laid at the door of the high school fraternity? Admitting that the high school fraternity should be abolished, are we in no way to blame for the conditions which make their abolishment advisable? Why the froth, why the decay, why the excrescences for the boys to copy and exaggerate? Are not these the remains—and in some instances very lively remains—of the froth, decay and excrescences copied by the college fraternity from the secret orders? Are not we to blame that the boys saw chiefly the evil features of the college fraternity? And are we not to blame for not having kept closer watch over our younger brothers?

Many fraternity men were members of high school fraternities. Have they discouraged the horse play of the chapters from which they came? Or have they in amused lordliness condoned, or even encouraged, the exaggeration of the fraternity foibles which they were fostering in their college fraternities?—*ΔΥ Quarterly*.

The action of  $\Phi \Delta \theta$  in its recent convention at Chicago in forbidding membership to high school fraternity men takes rank with the Mecklenburg Declaration.  $B \theta \Pi$  has already declared its intention of following suit, and there will certainly be others. This action on the part of  $\Phi \Delta \theta$ , as well as some other steps which the Chicago convention took, marks the dawn of a new era in the fraternity world. If such action were more general there would be less anti-fraternity wars and rumors of wars. The reforms are well described in the following two editorials:

School authorities are to have the help of college fraternities in suppressing the class secret societies in preparatory and high schools. Help from this quarter will be effective, as the high school fraternities are imitations of the real thing and particularly of the bad features of college Greek-letter societies. The  $\Phi \Delta \theta$ , in its national convention last week in Chicago, adopted a resolution setting out "that no person shall be eligible to initiation to membership in this fraternity who shall have been a member of any general or class secret society in any public preparatory school or high school; and any person who, prior to the adoption of this rule, has joined such society shall be eligible only upon his resignation from such society and the presentation of proof that such resignation has been in good faith."

This, doubtless, is only the beginning of action of college fraternities in this direction. At the same convention referred to above, inter-fraternity co-operation was indicated by the presence of representatives of the  $\Sigma X$  and  $B \theta \Pi$  fraternities. These three are among the largest and best known of the national fraternities of western origin.—*Chicago Inter-Ocean*.

## WISCONSIN RUSHING SCHEME A FAILURE.

After a thorough test of the new rushing rules at the University of Wisconsin the fraternities agreed that it was a failure. The following editorial from *The Daily Cardinal* gives the student opinion of its success:

After this year's experiment, the existing fraternity rushing rule must be pronounced a failure. While this, in our opinion, is true, we by no means advise a return to the old system of rushing in its entirety. The old system whereby a freshman was seized upon at the depot, vigorously glad-handed, whirled up to a fraternity house in an automobile, lavishly entertained for a few days and then pledged to a fraternity before he realized what was happening to him is undoubtedly undesirable. The freshman should have a while in which to become acclimated and assimilated before he is confronted with the fraternity question. He should have an opportunity to adequately judge his companions before he chooses them.

However, we do not believe that the present system attains this end. According to the rules, a freshman can be entertained by a fraternity only during the two weeks of rushing. In forming his opinion of the various fraternities, he is therefore dependent entirely upon his impression of them gained during the rushing season. What sort of an impression is that? We should say, decidedly unreliable and inadequate. The fraternity members are wearing their holiday clothes and forced smiles; the fraternity house is decked out in a holiday garb; the dinners are of an elaborate nature; everything about the fraternity is in an unnatural state. The fraternities are engaged in a mad race to outdo each other in "making a good showing." The freshman gets absolutely no opportunity to see the fraternities in their true light. He is forced to make his choice on the basis of display and similar considerations. As far as enabling the freshman to better choose his companions, the system is a complete failure.

Other, by no means trivial, consequences have arisen out of the existing system. With the rushing concentrated in two weeks, it plays havoc with the scholastic work of both the fraternities and the rushees. Both are plunged in a wild dissipation of entertainment. Coming, as it does, near the close of the semester, this interference with work is certain to be fatal in many a case.

The expensiveness of this method of rushing is another serious objection to it. Each fraternity very naturally tries to outdo every other fraternity in the lavishness of its entertainment. As a result, fraternity men on every side are complaining that the burden is growing almost unbearable. The rushing, in fact, resolves itself into a money-spending contest.

Another conspicuous by-product of this method of rushing is the "big head" among the freshmen. When a frosh gets invitations to twenty or

twenty-two fraternities, as some freshmen did, he naturally begins to feel that he is a rather important individual. When he notices fraternity men racing with each other to sit next to him, to take him by the arm or to talk to him, he rises immediately in his own estimation. He gets the "big head."

These are the main points that support the indictment against the present rushing system. We believe that they are sufficient to warrant its abandonment. Some substitute should be worked out. We are inclined to favor a set of rules that would prohibit rushing during the first semester, or a large part of it, and prohibit men from living in fraternity houses until their sophomore year. By such rules, the freshmen would get a chance to become well adjusted to conditions here and would get a chance to look over the fraternities during a larger period of time and when they were living their normal life. Some such change must come!

Beginning with the present school year fraternities will be allowed to rush and pledge freshmen any time after the first registration day. Initiations, however, must be deferred until the following fall. No scholastic requirements have been imposed or made conditional to initiation. It is hoped that by persistent trials of various schemes that one will be found which will prove satisfactory in all respects. Even the present arrangement does not promise this, for there are objections to it already.



#### POLITICS VS. HONORS.

When we remember the criticisms of our fraternity system we can appreciate the wisdom in the following suggestion:

We hope the time is not far distant when the Pan-Hellenic organization in the colleges will realize the importance of fraternities being inactive in college politics. As a rule, the moving spirits about colleges are members of a fraternity; and naturally enough, have the support of other fraternity men. Some of these leaders are ambitious for college honors. That is, they like to have their vanity tickled by electing some one or being elected to some office, usually an empty honor with little substantial benefit. Such ambitions lead to the formation of voting cliques, forces intense rivalry and makes enemies.

How much better for fraternity men to take an interest in all such affairs and help to elect efficient men to all college offices—but under no circumstances, be a candidate or urge the candidacy of a fraternity man. Fraternities should avoid all appearances of clannishness—for politics more than any other activity in college life, separates the Greek from the



barb. The mad ambition to be boss and have fraternity men occupying all of the college offices is responsible for much of the present agitation.

However, there are certain honors, possessing the same emptiness, but in their attainment the individual is selected because of real merit. Such honors it is well to seek—for pull, cliques and scheming have no influence. It is here that honest effort alone counts; and all honest effort is a decided benefit, though the honor gained counts for little. Debating, oratory, declamation, essay writing, scholarship and all intellectual activities are the things worth while; but more important than all else, one should strive to attain that poise and genuineness, the radiation of which attracts people and makes one bigger, better and broader. Think ye on these things, for they are real substance of college life. Self-seeking, in whatever form, breeds discord and enmity.—*Record of Σ A E.*



### IDEALS.

Much has been said in supporting fraternities about their ideals. Certainly we all have them. They are in the ritual. We do not all practice them in our lives. Hence the criticism. The following article is clipped from the *Beta Theta Pi*:

When the blow falls it will fall upon fraternity practices, not upon fraternity ideals. The arguments which attack the principle of the college fraternity can be successfully answered, and have in the long history of college fraternities repeatedly been answered. Modern society demands social organization, and gets it in a hundred ways; the college fraternity is perfectly normal.

The weak place in the defense will not be in the preaching, but in the practice. Do our fraternities ring true to their ideals? Is the faith of the founders still the creed of the neophyte? Honor, honesty, loyalty, uprightness, charity, sentiment, scholarship, ambition—all these qualities, esteemed in the rituals, are thought precious in college young men still. Are they thought well of, sought after by the present-day fraternity men? The ceremony of the ritual is kept, is its spirit alive?

Even the most loyal friends of the fraternity must confess that the practice is often weak, that many of the chapters, either as chapters, or as individual members, are far, far away from the faith. I have been in some chapters where the reading of their ritual must be a hollow mockery, a bit of delicious irony to the keen-witted members. Some chapters are carrying enormous handicaps of affiliations with drinking clubs, political cliques and enervating dancing societies, to say nothing of the heavy drag of the loafer and the flunker. Let these chapters answer this question, "Cut loose from your connection of this kind, do you still find something in your fraternity that is enjoyable, and attrac-



tive?" If the answer is no, the fraternity is doomed. If the answer is yes, as in most cases it will be, the chance for survival is good.

I would urge a return to the sincere respect for the ceremony of the ritual, the singing of chapter songs, the study of fraternity history, the wholesome daily intercourse of members with the ideal of brotherhood uppermost, and, especially, the attention to the chapter meetings with its proper solemnity, its grave consideration of mutual affairs, and its heart-warming "talks around." Here we have a powerful, highly organized institution, full of beautiful traditions, rich history and inspiring ideals. Why not depend upon it more? If the peculiar forms and ceremonies of the college fraternity ever meant anything at all (and they most certainly did), if secrecy, mystery, brotherhood, coupled with lofty aims, peculiarly stimulate the youthful mind (and they certainly do), then why not employ them to do what now seems needed to be done?



#### THE COLLEGE REFERENCE BUREAU.

The College Reference Bureau, which was established a little over a year ago as an outcome of the convention of delegates of fifty-five American college fraternities, has its headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. The *Evanston Daily News* of July 23, 1914, described the work of the bureau at considerable length and the following is a reprint of the article:

Evanston has an unique institution in the College Fraternity Reference Bureau. It is the only organization of its kind in the country and is depended upon by the members of the Greek-letter societies of the American universities and colleges for all kinds of information in relation not only to fraternity topics, but to all things pertaining to college life and affairs. This is the second year of the life of this bureau and a visit to it reveals that in its comparatively short existence its accumulation of material and data in this chosen field is but little less than astonishing. The kind of information it gathers, particularly that referring to the fraternity references is, perhaps, the most difficult task in the range of data gathering, for the available material is small. Books which deal directly with the American college fraternity and its problems are very few. The amount of data in the form of brochures, pamphlets, magazine articles, sheets, leaflets and small materia is enormous and, though difficult to reach, the bureau has been persistent and has on file a series of this character that is exceedingly valuable.

The birth of the bureau was the result of the criticism of college fraternities, which has been so prevalent in various parts of the country, and particularly in the Middle West and Middle South during the last few years. A great deal of this fault-finding the fraternities believed to be un-

just. Some of it was decidedly untrue and much of it had ulterior purposes. Not that the fraternities considered themselves above criticism, for some of their critics are in their own ranks, and both to these and to the sincere educators, whose purpose was to see that the good in the fraternity idea was developed, the college Greeks lent a willing ear. It was to combat ill-considered and false attacks that the fraternity folks sought a means of defense. They wished when some member of a state legislature made a statement in an attack on fraternities which was wickedly false, to have the means at hand to prove he was speaking without definite knowledge. In several states where sudden and unkind onslaughts had been made upon them, the fraternity people had been forced at the time to accept as true many declarations which it subsequently developed were entirely without truth. A year ago last May the fraternities realized that there was an underground war being waged upon them and to consider means to fight it they held a convention in Chicago to which fifty-five national organizations sent delegates. It was the greatest gathering of the college Greeks in the history of the American college fraternity, and every one who took part in it is proud of the distinction it conferred. And it did confer a distinction, for the young folks gathered there had a serious purpose. They believed in the college fraternity, but they were not so blinded in their faith, but they recognized that like all human institutions it had its faults. One of the chief desires and efforts of this convention was to eliminate these faults. They also sought a means to combat their enemies when they were attacked, and out of their planning was born the College Fraternity Bureau.

The bureau issues a magazine which is known as *The Greek Quarterly*. William C. Levere is the editor-in-chief of this. The files of the bureau contain several thousand references on every conceivable fraternity topic. Access is freely gained to both the supporting fraternities and to those who have not been members of the organization. The latter have been as free to use the bureau as those who are meeting its financial obligations.

The bureau has among its files hundreds of letters from prominent educators and their ideas concerning the present-day fraternity. President Edwin Earle Sparks, the brilliant executive of Pennsylvania State College, has contributed one that is so pertinent to the situation that we quote him in full. President Sparks says:

"No feature connected with modern Greek-letter fraternities is more striking than the changed attitude of the average college administration toward them. Thirty years ago, the faculty generally regarded them with suspicion—perhaps not without cause; they were suspected of harboring and fostering the worst parts of college life; and their solidarity was a manifest nucleus for disorder. One of my college disillusionments was caused by finding certain revered members of the faculty crouched in the shadow of a pile of boxes on the outer pavement watching the lodge room of a fraternity across the street. The godlike 'professors' suddenly dwindled in their proportions to men and men of rather small size.

"The present attitude of college administration in general is to regard fraternities as potential agencies making for better scholarship, higher ideals and as exemplars of improved standards. Their solidarity becomes an agency for building up student sentiment in desired directions. Many deans and presidents work through the fraternities in carrying forward reforms desired in self-government, or, more properly, co-operation government. If a lad is delinquent in scholarship or habits, a dean usually inquires first whether he is a fraternity man and, if so, urges his fraternity to discipline him. Cups or other prizes to be awarded semester by semester to the fraternity having the highest scholastic standing are by no means uncommon among colleges.

"The general officers of many of the leading fraternities have aided in this change of fraternity function and have thus contributed toward a changed attitude of the faculty. Records of the scholastic standing of the members of every chapter are kept by many fraternities, whilst others send inspectors at regular intervals to their several chapters.

"In short, a few years have seen the college fraternity idea shifted from a purely social basis to one which is both social and scholastic. In some cases, it also includes social service in working for the best interests of the college as a whole and for the student body as a whole. Within the same period, college administrators have come to see in the fraternity a potent agency for good or for evil; an agency for evil if regarded as an outlaw, but a most useful servant if placed on a footing with the other college organizations and properly recognized and influenced. I cannot see why the fraternity should not be made as legitimate and useful a member of the college body politic as the Christian Association."

Evanston, noted as the home of authors, compilers and literary people generally, is about to have another publication go out from its doors which will be encyclopedic in character. "Leading Greeks" is the name of the new work and it is to be a biographical dictionary of the conspicuous workers in the American College fraternities. This volume will aim to give a personal sketch of the notable Greek-letter society members of the United States, men and women whose position of achievement has made them of interest in their fraternities and beyond the borders of their fraternities. The old rivalry between the members of these societies has disappeared in recent years and a genuine Pan-Hellenic spirit of accord has grown up among them. Everywhere are being held inter-fraternity gatherings, where these young people meet and strive to find common ground where they can work together for the betterment of their organizations, for the college world in which they live and for the country. Out of these days when there is so much unity between the college fraternities, there has grown a demand for a publication which will give the data concerning the more prominent workers. The new encyclopedia will tell about the various fraternity folks, the chief features of their career, without puffery or eulogy, praise or criticism. No other publication has ever



attempted the difficult task of furnishing the material and addresses of these leaders, and it will be a valuable book of reference from this standpoint. Completeness and reliability will make the encyclopedia indispensable to all the Greeks, and it will everywhere be recognized as an authority wherever authentic information is wanted.



#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Rev. Henry Hague, a founder of  $\Phi K \Sigma$  Fraternity, died at Worcester, Massachusetts, April 25, 1914.

Christy Mathewson, of the Bucknell chapter of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , is offering large autographed photographs for sale, the proceeds going to the chapter house fund of his chapter.

At the twenty-eighth Grand Arch Council of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , held at Cleveland, Ohio, June 24th to 26th, the national governing body of the  $\Phi \Psi$  Fraternity took drastic steps against the high school fraternities, outlining a policy of refusing to take high school men after January 1, 1918. Money was raised for an endowment fund of more than \$13,000, and a uniform badge was adopted. It is a plain badge of medium size. There was some discussion also of a sort of higher degree to be conferred upon Phi Kappa Psi who are particularly active in fraternity work. Charters were granted to new chapters in the University of Washington and the University of Colorado.

The following compliment about our brother, Bishop John H. Vincent (Ohio Wesleyan), recently appeared in the *Shield* of  $\Phi K \Psi$ :

There are a few people blessed with the double gift of expression and sentiment, who can bring the tactful appeal to sentiment at the psychological moment, and make your heart thrill with a very real desire for sainthood. Bishop John H. Vincent, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is one of them. Many a time I have seen him talk in his indulgent, fatherly way, to those great Chautauqua audiences of ten, twelve and fifteen thousand people, until they would accept his admonitions even as commendation, until they would gladly do the things they ought to do and leave undone the things they ought not to perform.

The *Trident* of  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$  contains an article entitled "Achievements of  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$  Chapters and Individuals." It is very interest-

ing, but why list among achievements the number married and the number of children? We have looked the records over carefully and the showing made by some chapters is hardly an achievement. The best record is made by the Ohio State chapter which boasts of 63 marriages with 77 children in 17½ years.

It is interesting to note the terms used by the various fraternity publications in announcing the deaths of members. Along with A T Ω the following use the form "In Memoriam": K Σ, A X P, K K Γ, Δ Δ Δ, A X Ω. The following use the conventional "Obituary": Φ K Ψ, Φ P Σ, K A, while the following use the plural form: Δ Υ, Σ X. Novelties are provided by Φ Γ Δ, who announces deaths by the form "Fratres qui fuerunt sed nunc ad astra." The idea of a chapter composed of deceased brothers is used by several. Φ Δ Θ, who announces "Initiates of the Chapter Grand," Δ T Δ and Σ N with "The Chapter Eternal" and Φ Σ K with "The Chapter Invisible."

In its *Journal* Σ Φ E gives some interesting facts in regard to its foundation.

In September, 1901, an organization known as the Saturday Night Club was organized among the students of Richmond College, the Baptist school of Virginia. Its purposes were fraternal and were characterized by a mutuality that was peculiarly strong and abiding. Six men formed the nucleus of the society that, though its members knew it not, was destined to grow and prosper as a national college brotherhood. These six added six others to their roll and on the 1st of the November following they modified their society slightly, so as to be able to gain recognition as an open local fraternity having a part among the societies of the school. Naturally they had opposition to meet, but in time this gave way to toleration and finally to friendliness. It seems that one of their basic principles must have been Democracy, for they drew no lines of exclusive exclusiveness, as is attested to by the admission of students from every department of the college. Carter Ashton Jenkins, one of the six, was a ministerial student. He was a member of the X Φ Fraternity at Rutgers, but as that body had no chapter at Richmond, he took great interest in the new movement.

In the early days they were called the "Sacred Hearts." That was because of the shape of the badge and because of the fact that a number of ministerial students were numbered among the first members. Seven among the first twelve became Baptist preachers.

The universities in which the fraternity system prevails are the most democratic in their dominant ideal; as, for example, the great universities of the West.—*John Corbin, in Century.*

In the last year three fraternities have been added to those at Williams College, making fourteen there now.  $\Psi \Upsilon$  entered in 1913. The chapter of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , established in 1880, was suspended in 1881, and revived in 1913. The chapter of  $B \theta \Pi$ , established in 1847 and suspended in 1851, was revived in 1914.—*Scroll of  $\Phi \Delta \theta$* .

By joining a fraternity you cannot immediately leap into social and political prominence, and you will not find that you have earned an honor that you can keep without the necessity of hard work, upright habits, forethought and acceptance of responsibility.

The fraternities as organizations constantly do a great deal toward supporting the worthy interests of the university and in serving to direct student activity along desirable lines.—*Facts for Freshmen, University of Illinois*.

Two national law sororities,  $\Phi \Delta \Delta$  and  $K B \Phi$ , are in existence. The latter was founded at Chicago-Kent and the former has its Alpha chapter at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.  $\Phi \Delta \Delta$  has three chapters—Alpha at Los Angeles, Beta at Washington College of Law, Washington, D. C., and Gamma at Chicago-Kent College of Law.—*Exchange*.

The slaughter of fraternity chapters has broken out afresh and this time at Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia. By the act of the trustees prohibiting sororities in that institution, Alpha chapters of  $A \Delta \Pi$  and  $\Phi M$ , and chapters of  $Z T A$  and  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$  pass out of existence. The decision has created so much feeling among alumnae that movements are on foot to persuade the trustees to revoke their decision.—*Angelos of  $K \Delta$* .

Harrisonburg, Va., May 9.—General John E. Roller, accompanied by Prof. James Lewis Howe, of Washington and Lee University, and Doctor Grosvenor, of Yale, left Harrisonburg this morning for T. W. Allen's "Red Bank" farm, near Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County, to visit the grave of Elisha Parmalee, founder of  $\Phi B K$  Fraternity, with a view of erecting a monument thereon. The grave, which was lost to the public for years, was recently located by General Roller. In order to fix the exact spot the trio made an inspection of certain public records in the court house at Woodstock before going to Red Bank.—*Themis of  $Z T A$* .

From *Banta's Greek Exchange* we learn that conventions of the following fraternities will be held in California during 1915:  $A \Delta \Phi$  in February- $\Pi K A$  in April,  $A \Delta \Pi$ ,  $A \theta \Pi$  and  $\Delta \Gamma$  (all three sororities) in June,  $\Sigma K$  (sorority) in July,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,  $\Phi K \Sigma$ ,  $A \Sigma \Phi$ ,  $\Sigma X$ , Acacia,  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$  and  $A X Q$  (last two sororities) in August,  $B \theta \Pi$  in September and  $\Phi \Sigma K$  in November.

Other fraternities that will hold conventions in California next year are  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\theta \Delta X$ ,  $\Pi K \Phi$ ,  $Z \Psi$ ,  $\Sigma N$ ,  $\Delta X$  (law-literary),  $\Phi A \Delta$  (legal),  $\Phi X$  (medical),  $\Phi B \Pi$  (medical),  $\Phi \Delta X$  (pharmacy) and the sororities  $\Pi B \Phi$ ,  $Z T A$  and  $A \Xi \Delta$ .—*Scroll of  $\Phi \Delta \theta$* .



The fraternities at Michigan have been in a squabble—to put it mildly. The subject is a touchy one and best kept under cover, so we will say very little about it now, or until we know what the outcome will be. Suffice it to say that the first eight crowds founded here, banded in a purely social organization known as the Palladium, have been attempting to control the inter-fraternity conference, by attempting to control the formation of a new constitution of that body now being voted upon. By gaining the upper hand in the conference these crowds can regulate all of the rushing and pledging rules of each fraternity, and at this time new rushing and pledging rules are in a state of construction. And so the fight is on. There are seventeen crowds outside of the Palladium, including ourselves, and the scrap will be to the finish. It will bring no good to any one, and is breaking up an otherwise solid fraternity front which is needed especially right now, when a new anti-fraternity movement is wafted on every breeze. However, the fires of both sides are hot, and the outcome is as yet a big guess.—*Michigan Correspondence, Phi Gamma Delta.*

"Sloven," what a slouchy, sloppy sound there is to the word. A sloven individual may be shunned. A sloven chapter—well, look for its standing in scholarship, but look well toward the bottom of the list. Look for its standing in the institution—again toward the bottom. You will find it is shunned by the self-respecting, cleanly man. Read this:

"We do not wish to be pessimistic about the thing, but we must confess that the appearance of the average chapter house is not anything to be proud of. Some chapters evidently think it a mark of manliness to be indifferent to order and neatness. Yet, these same chapters would howl most indignantly if they were charged with being what the appearance of the house would seem to indicate. How important then it is to avoid the appearance of that which is not true. It is just as easy to be orderly as otherwise. For, if the same effort exerted to be disorderly were directed in the opposite direction, a different result would be obtained. This may seem like a trivial thing—but let us hope it is not asking too much for the chapters to maintain order and neatness—and, if necessary, use the bath tub for the wilful and persistent violator."—*Record of S A E.*

Some students think that carelessness in dress and personal habits constitutes democracy—and the fraternities are being advised to be democratic. But if democracy means soiled sweaters, and even pajamas, at breakfast, then let us avoid democracy. It may be that the country legislator believes that the way to get close to the people is to go collarless and in shirt sleeves, but even the people who may dress so will have more respect for the clean, prim, self-respecting, decently dressed individual than for the sloven.—*A T Quarterly.*

H. L. BLANKENBURG.

## The Alumni

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### VITAL STATISTICS.

#### BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barham (California) a daughter, October 24, 1914, at Emeryville, California.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brand (California) a daughter, at Sacramento, California.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sawyer (California) a son, at San Francisco, California.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burdick (Kansas) a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Gaines (St. Lawrence) a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson (Texas) a son, at Austin, Texas.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Otis Colbert (Tufts) a daughter, Mary Louise, at Juneau, Alaska, October 6, 1914.

To Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Billington (Vanderbilt) a daughter, Martha, September 11, 1914.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Whitman (Vanderbilt) a daughter, Anne Ruth, at Nashville, Tennessee, July 1, 1914.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Beck (Wittenberg) a son, Walter Wright Beck, July 30, 1914.

To Mr. and Mrs. George V. Smith, Jr. (Worcester), a son, October 3, 1914.

#### ENGAGEMENTS.

Harley Jennings (Adrian) and Miss Ruby Green.

Harold Wilson (Albion) and Miss Esther Barney, of Albion, Michigan.

William LeRoy Garth (Texas) and Miss Wilma Harle, of Port Arthur, Texas.

## MARRIAGES.

Jay Metcalf (Adrian) and Miss Queenie McFarland, at Woodsfield, Ohio, June 25, 1914.

Claude C. Dearborn (Albion) and Miss Gladys Zier, at Fremont, Indiana.

Harry W. Springer (Chicago) and Miss Boyce Jones, at Flat Rock, Illinois, August 14, 1914.

James M. Lynch (Georgia) and Miss Elizabeth W. Smith, at Athens, Georgia.

Lee Moore (Kentucky) and Miss Anne Milward, at Lexington, Kentucky.

Ralph H. Gibson (Mt. Union) and Miss Lila E. Coit, at Ravenna, Ohio.

Lester G. Bratton (Nebraska) and Miss Mary Salome Schwertley, September 26, 1914.

J. Frank McGogy (Nebraska) and Miss Ruby Jackson, at Shenandoah, Iowa, September 1, 1914.

Robert A. Reddish (Nebraska) and Miss Ruth Tibbets, at Hastings, Nebraska, October 21, 1914.

Harry Allen (Ohio State) and Miss Alice Anthony.

Evan J. Crane (Ohio State) and Miss Marie Grant, September 28, 1914.

Bryon Fay (Ohio State) and Miss Margaret Parady.

Harry Vincent Fox (Ohio State) and Miss Mary Harrison, September 28, 1914.

Earl Clinton Pugh (Ohio State) and Miss Inez McCann.

Aubrey David (St. Lawrence) and Miss Mabel Farmer.

Earl David (St. Lawrence) and Miss Edna Caswell.

B. S. Stevens (St. Lawrence) and Miss Lena Bray.

Rev. William DuBose Bratton (Sewanee) and Miss Ivy Wardlaw Gass, at Jackson, Mississippi, September 12, 1914.

Rev. H. L. Jewett Williams (Sewanee) and Miss Eleanor Barrow, at Athens, Georgia, June 24, 1914.

R. M. Walmsley (Tulane) and Miss Dorothy Jackson, at New Orleans, Louisiana, October 26, 1914.

Howard H. Hanson (Washington and Jefferson) and Miss Elizabeth McCaskey, at Washington, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1914.



Earl W. Booz (Washington and Jefferson) and Miss Louise Cashey, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1914.

Fred W. Kiefer (Washington and Jefferson) and Miss Nan Cenell, at Idaho Falls, Idaho, October 14, 1914.

Ralph Patterson (Wittenberg) and Miss Marie Hofman, at Springfield, Ohio, October 27, 1914.

John N. Donovan (Worcester) and Miss Geraldine Goodheart, at Bellingham, Washington, September 16, 1914.

Harold F. Fritch (Worcester).

Philip A. Hamilton (Worcester).

Fred Warren Kennedy (Worcester) and Miss Carolyn Sarah Tidd, at Worcester, Massachusetts, September 26, 1914.

Thayer Burgess (Wyoming) and Miss Miriam Corthell, of Laramie, Wyoming, at Utica, New York, September 4, 1914.

S. C. Dickinson (Wyoming) and Miss Ruth Greenbaum, at Laramie, Wyoming, October 15, 1914.

#### CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

Clyde L. Queen (Adrian) from Adrian, Mich., to Box 753, Morenci, Ariz.

Howard A. Brown (Brown) from 55 Frost Street, Brattleboro, Vt., to 505 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington, Pa.

Ralph S. Drury (Brown) from 44 Winter Street, Fitchburg, Mass., to 790 Main Street, North Leominster, Mass.

Clarence R. Johnson (Brown) from Mesnalien, Norway, to 19 Riverside Drive, Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Joseph A. Kitts (California) from Corozal, Canal Zone, to Nevada City, Cal.

Samuel C. Cates (Colby) from East Vassalboro, Me., to State College, Pa.

Rev. Edwin W. Merrill (Colby) from 2726 Washington Road, Chicago, Ill., to Hotel Irving, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Thad. M. Jones (Cornell) from 36 Jerome Avenue, Jamaica, L. I., New York, to 75 Pineapple Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

F. M. White (Cornell) from Brockport, N. Y., to 68 East Wood Place, Buffalo, N. Y.

R. A. Henderson, Jr. (Florida), from Fort Myers, Fla., to Law Exchange, Jacksonville, Fla.

Henry H. Wood (Cornell) from care of Central Illinois Public Service Co., Mattoon, Ill., to care of Central Illinois Public Service Co., Olney, Ill.

L. B. Thrasher (Florida) from Micanopy, Fla., to Nichols, Fla.

O. R. Mellin (Gettysburg) from Mt. Lebanon, Pa., to 1248 Dagmar Avenue, S. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.

O. K. Reed (Gettysburg) from Lansdale, Pa., to 1021 South Fiftieth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Fenton O. Fish (Hillsdale) from Bacone, Okla., to Quincy, Mich.

W. K. Dunbar (Lehigh) from 5732 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., to 1228 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

H. Wiley Griswold (M. I. T.) from care of Board of Water Commissions, Hartford, Conn., to P. O. Box 902, Collinsville, Conn.

A. P. Smith (Michigan) from Osborne, Ohio, to 307 Troy Street, Dayton, Ohio.

T. Otto Streissguth (Minnesota) from 412 McKnight Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn., to Redwood Falls, Minn.

Howard Y. Williams (Minnesota) from Close Hall, Iowa City, Iowa, to Union Theological Seminary, New York, N. Y.

Webster Robnett (Missouri) from 1503 Broadway, Columbia, Mo., to Gainesville, Fla.

M. S. James (Mt. Union) from Station "A," Alliance, Ohio, to 604 Second Street, Canton, Ohio.

W. H. Norris (Mt. Union) from Station "A," Alliance, Ohio, to 11431 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

D. C. MacRae (North Carolina) from Chapel Hill, N. C., to Thomasville, N. C.

R. B. Clapp (Penn State) from 6 East Read Street to 108 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Md.

J. A. Fulkman (Penn State) from 6 East Read Street to 108 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Md.

Clyde R. Long (Pennsylvania) from Mt. Jewett, Pa., to Smethport, Pa.

Fordyce E. Dexter (St. Lawrence) from Rensselaer Falls, N. Y., to Barre, Vt.

G. W. Dodds (St. Lawrence) from Gouverneur, N. Y., to 211 Third Street, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

C. B. Olds (St. Lawrence) from Gouverneur, N. Y., to 17 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

H. C. Bethea (Sewanee), Sewanee, Tenn.

J. B. Fuqua (Sewanee), Milan, Tenn.

E. S. Holmen (Sewanee), care of A. T. O. House, Ithaca, N. Y.

J. A. Steel (Sewanee), Box 23, Bantyn, Tenn.

A. H. Styron (Sewanee), Sewanee, Tenn.

Harold W. Flint (Simpson) from 5 Elder Court, Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Cozad, Neb.

H. R. Groves (Simpson) from 122 West Fourteenth Street, Anderson, Ind., to 606 North Ninth Street, Phoenix, Ariz.

Paul J. Vollmar (Simpson) from Indianola, Ia., to Corydon, Ia.

John H. Agee (Tennessee) from La Follette, Tenn., to Moscow, Idaho.

H. Mauelschagen (Tennessee) from 1110 Temple Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn., to care of Alabama Power Co., Clanton, R. F. D. No. 5, Ala.

Harry A. Betaque (Washington State) from Riverside, Wash., to Port Angeles, Wash.

W. S. Collins (Western Reserve) from Cedar Springs, Ga., to Morgan, Ga.

P. C. Howes (Worcester) from Boston, Mass., to 4 Elbridge Street, Worcester, Mass.

Ulysses S. Grant (Wyoming) from Laramie, Wyo., to Ventura, Cal.

O. M. Sudler (Vermont) from 836 Detroit St., Denver, Colo., to Wissahickon Apartments, Germantown, Pa.



#### THE FOUNDER'S MARRIAGE.

In the September PALM we announced the marriage of Founder Otis A. Glazebrook in a brief note. Since then we have received copies of the Elizabeth, New Jersey, newspapers announcing the event and from one of them we clip the following:

The Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, D. D., rector emeritus of St. John's Episcopal Church, this city, and now United States consul at Jerusalem,



and Miss Emmeline Rumford were married on Saturday, September 5th, at the Episcopal Cathedral in the Palestine city. Harry Morse, son-in-law of the bridegroom, gave the bride in marriage, and Mrs. Morse was her attendant. They went to Joppa on their wedding journey.

Miss Rumford has been an intimate friend for many years of Mrs. Morse, the daughter of Doctor Glazebrook. As a trained nurse some years ago, she nursed Miss Virginia Glazebrook back to health and afterward joined her in the enterprise of a private school in this city and in Cranford under the name of the Glazebrook-Rumford School. She has made her home with her since.

When Doctor Glazebrook went on his mission to Jerusalem some months ago, he was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Morse and Miss Rumford. Since the marriage of Doctor Glazebrook and Miss Rumford, Mr. and Mrs. Morse have started for home and are now in England awaiting opportunity for transportation to this country.

Mr. Morse is an architect by profession and it was his intention to have made a tour of Europe in order to study the architecture of the ancient cathedrals, etc., but the war has entirely changed his plans.

Doctor Glazebrook was rector of St. John's Church for many years. He was appointed as United States consul at Jerusalem by President Wilson.

The editor of the PALM has received a letter, dated September 4th, the day before the wedding, announcing the event and likewise informing the Fraternity of his splendid health. He adds that the European war has cast upon him new and often peculiar duties and says, "I will only say that I am glad I can be of service at such a time to my country and to my fellow men. I like the East and my friends here are kind enough to say that this liking is not without due return."



#### DEAN WASHBURN UPHOLDS FRATERNITIES.

The western newspapers have been making a great ado about Dean O. M. Washburn's (Hillsdale) report to the faculty of the University of California. Dean Washburn will be remembered as one of the efficient Province Chiefs under former Worthy Grand Chiefs John N. Van der Vries and Hugh Martin. We are glad to publish this clipping from the Oakland (Cal.) *Inquirer*, not only because it concerns our good brother, but also for the subject matter contained in it:

That the fraternities and house clubs of the University of California with a few exceptions are becoming an asset to the institution along the lines of improving the scholarship standard, is the statement of Prof. Oliver Mills Washburn in his annual statement, just made public, to the president as dean of the lower division. The dean thinks the time not far distant when the Greek-letter societies can be made administrative units to look out for their underclassmen's discipline and scholarship without the interference of the dean's office.

A general increase in scholarship attainments is also announced by Professor Washburn. "It is a matter of profound satisfaction," he says, "that while the number of students is increasing so rapidly, the number of disqualified students (those who are cinched out) is relatively much less than a few years ago. This general improvement in scholarship is due, in part, to the rigid maintenance of the "eight-unit rule" (the rule which requires all students to get satisfactory marks in at least eight units of work in order to remain), but more especially to the more careful supervision of study lists, to the efficiency of freshmen advisers, and to the awakened interest and concern of the fraternities and clubs in the matter of scholarship."

Many questions of dropping of courses and even of discipline have been turned over to the fraternities to which the delinquent students belong, according to Professor Washburn, and in no case has the confidence been violated.

"I believe the time is not far distant," the dean declares, "when we shall recognize the fraternity as a formal unit in our administrative system—when each such organization shall be charged with such matters as the supervision of study lists of its own members and pledges, and when action on such matters as the adding and dropping of courses and even in discipline will be referred to the organization concerned."

That the fraternity is a perfectly natural development of undergraduate life, is the belief of Dean Washburn, and he declares that the thing for the university to do in order to save the fraternity from itself is to take it into partnership by giving it some real administrative functions.

There are now on the Berkeley campus thirty-four fraternities, fourteen sororities, sixteen men's house clubs and nine women's house clubs, a total of seventy-three secret organizations.



#### HICKOK DEDICATES NATION'S GATEWAY.

Paul R. Hickok (Wooster), Chairman of the High Council, was the orator at very interesting exercises held in Washington recently, described by one of the newspapers thus:

With formal ceremonies, made possible by an act of Congress, three immense American flags were unfurled this afternoon and hoisted to the flagpoles in the plaza in front of the Union station, facing the Capitol building, where the central one or its identical successor will be displayed every day of the years to come, to wave a welcome or a farewell to Americans and aliens alike who come to or go from the capital of the United States through what has been called "the real gateway of the nation."

Notwithstanding the fact that the new Union station entrance to Washington has been completed, and that the flagpoles have been in place for some time, the display of the Stars and Stripes on the poles has been a matter of chance, until today.

The ceremonies began at 2 o'clock this afternoon, preceded by a fifteen-minute concert by the Engineers' Band. The orator at the ceremonies was Rev. Paul R. Hickok, pastor of the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church.

In his address Rev. Mr. Hickok said, in part:

"To this spot come the multitudes of our country and of other lands, entering the city that is the heart of America. From this point they go with all the messages they have heard while here. No more fitting symbol could be held aloft, to give inspiration that should be carried to the very ends of the earth, wherever the paths of men may lead them, than will be afforded in these splendid banners, day by day conferring their benediction on those who pass beneath.

"The very unusual nature of these exercises appeals strongly to our imagination. We are quite familiar with official flag-raising when great buildings are opened for use, or public enterprises are inaugurated. But here is an occasion of another character. In the open plaza of this station, through which pass the multitudes entering or departing from our city, we have to give formal and official recognition of the unfurling of our national banner in a place given over altogether to a most essential form of business and commerce. By act of Congress of the United States provision has been made for these ceremonies, and from this day forward the nation's flags will fly from these tall masts, through co-operation of the government and the railroad terminal company.

"We feel most deeply the eminent fitness that led to the designation of William B. Cushing Camp of the Sons of Veterans as the body into whose hands the ceremonies should be committed. Not only because it was with them that the plan had its inception and by them was urged to a happy fulfillment, but for the further and greater significance of the organization itself, we recognize the appropriateness of this appointment. Those who wear the badges of this order are sons of men who fought for the preservation of the flag and the nation that flag represents.



"It is our country's flag we unfurl. From each of these three standards her precious stars and stripes shall appear, day after day, throughout the years. Placed as they are in this entrance to the city, we will have a new 'Message of the Gateway.' These flags will give the true and proper welcome to the nation's capital. All eyes will be upturned, to observe first of all these gorgeous symbols of the nation best beloved. They will be like things of life, and they will tell continually of a life and love that flourish where freedom's truths are known.

"But the 'Message of the Gateway' will have a larger meaning. It will be our nation's welcome to all the multitudes coming into the new life of this new country. As these emblems of the nation wave in the gateway of her Capital city, expressing the interest and the love she has for all her own, even so does the spirit of the nation herself stand in the gateway of all our shores with a welcome and a word of good cheer for all whose hearts are longing for our privilege and our opportunity.

"There is a message in this beauteous emblem itself. We are familiar with its significance in the midst of war's terrible disturbances. Its message is none the less, but even more, for peace and industry, and its symbolism is much finer and much higher when flung from the towers of factories and mills, from the steeples of our churches, from school-house, college and university, than it is when dreadful necessity requires it to be the rallying point for forces of destruction."



#### BUCHANAN'S NEW PLAY.

The opening night of "Life," a new play by Brother Thompson Buchanan (Sewanee), which was produced the other night at the Manhattan Opera House, was attended by a number of Alpha Taus.

The play is an enormous success, and enormous is the word to use. It is the biggest thing ever staged, as all the New York critics agreed.

The first act shows the training quarters of the Yale crew, then the Yale-Harvard race, both extremely well done. The second act takes one to New York, where we see much tangoing in restaurants and Fifth Avenue mansions. In the third act we see Sing Sing as it really is, and in the fourth we are in Mexico where we see Mexicans and Americans battling, and are spared none of the ensuing noise.

It is all wonderfully staged. The boat race, the murder in

front of St. Patrick's Cathedral, the spiritualistic seance, and the escape from Sing-Sing, are as thrilling scenes as any one could wish to see.

In fact, an absolutely new standard of melodrama has been set up by "Life." To quote Hector Turnbull, of the *New York Tribune*, "As a melodrama it is marvelous, and as a revelation of spectacular scenes it leaves one gasping. Indeed, the entire production, cast and scenes, is a rare example of what one energetic, resourceful man can do when he sets out to raise melodrama to the Nth power. To Thompson Buchanan, the author of the plot, our hat is off. No ordinary man could do the like with six typewriters."

H. M. ROBINSON.



#### KELLY JOINS CALIFORNIA FACULTY.

Walter P. Kelley (Kentucky) has become a member of the faculty of the University of California and the *San Francisco Chronicle* says of him:

Dr. Walter P. Kelley, for several years a chemist of the Hawaiian Experiment Station, has arrived to take the position of professor of agricultural chemistry at the tropical fruit experiment station at Riverside. A native of Kentucky, he graduated from the university of that state in 1904, and receiving his Ph. D. from the University of California in 1912.

During the last few years Doctor Kelley, who is a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Society of Agronomy, has published a great deal of information concerning the influence upon plants of chemicals in the soil.



#### DAYTON ITEMS.

Charles Estabrook (Purdue) is now working for the Northern Pacific Railroad, near Jamestown, North Dakota, in the construction department.

George Murray (Chicago) is now associated with the law firm of Mattern & Brumbaugh, this city.

Horace Kramer (Cornell) is visiting his mother at 315 West Monument Avenue, since severing his connections with the Kinsey Manufacturing Company, Toledo.

George Coleman (Missouri) is now associated with the City Savings and Trust Company, this city.

James M. Adamson (Ohio State) has announced his engagement to Miss Katherine Hall, of Joliet Illinois, the wedding to occur directly after the holidays.

Homer Emrick (Purdue) is now located in the drafting department of the National Cash Register Company.

Gates Oblinger (Ohio State) has become a member of the law firm of Flatan, Schulman & Oblinger.



#### GLEANED FROM THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

Rev. Z. Barney Phillips (Wittenberg), rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, St. Louis, Missouri, has been chosen to represent the Masonic fraternity of the United States at the Grand Lodge of Canada. Rev. Phillips will address the meeting which will be of international scope.

Rev. Ralph K. Hickok (Wooster), brother of Paul R. Hickok, Chairman of the High Council, has accepted the chair of Biblical Literature in Wells College for Women, at Aurora, New York, and enters upon his new work this month. He was graduated at Wooster in 1889, and received his M. A. at Princeton in 1904. In recent years he has been Director of Religious Education in the First Presbyterian parish of Brooklyn.

Robert W. Hill (Tufts), formerly associated with Messrs. Putnam, Putnam & Bell, has formed a partnership for the general practice of the law with Daniel C. Fitz. They have offices in the new Five Cent Savings Bank Building, 208 Essex Street, Salem, Massachusetts.

Steward N. Rhue (Penn State) is located at Wooster, Ohio, with the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station.

R. S. Abbott (S. W. P. U.) conducts the Ford Automobile Agency, at Atlanta, Georgia.

John M. Aberly (Muhlenberg) is with the Pine Lumber Company, New Bern, North Carolina.

J. H. Agee (Tennessee) is at Moscow, Idaho, engaged in making soil surveys for the United States Department of Agriculture.



Ginder Abbott (Tulane) sells the Packard automobile in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gary W. Alexander (Florida) is meeting with success in the practice of the law in Jacksonville, Florida.

Lee C. Abbott (Vermont) is practicing law at Manchester, New Hampshire.

Comfort S. Butler (Illinois), who contributes a splendid article to our symposium on "Problems for Congress," is an attorney engaged in patent and trade mark law exclusively with offices at 801 Chemical Building, St. Louis.

John R. Boston (Illinois) is with the Lyell Lumber Company, Rochester, New York.

W. S. Bryan (Emory) is still pursuing graduate work at Yale. He makes a splendid suggestion concerning life subscriptions to the PALM, which is published on another page.

M. H. Burroughs (Georgia) is engaged in the insurance business at Dublin, Georgia.

H. A. Betaque (Washington) is a civil engineer at Port Angeles, Washington.

F. A. Berlin (W. & L.), one of the Fraternity's "old war-horses," is still practicing law at Central Bank Building, Oakland, California.

Frank A. Boyer (Lehigh) is engaged in the practice of the law at Toledo, Ohio, with offices in the Nicholas Building.

We had a brief letter from William George Bennett (V. M. I.), who is practicing law at Weston, West Virginia. Brother Bennett presided at the first Congress of Alpha Tau Omega and was our first Worthy High Chancellor. His interest in the Fraternity never diminishes.

George H. Campbell (Brown) does business as the Rhode Island Wire Works, with headquarters at Providence, Rhode Island.

C. E. Cousins (Tufts) is on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin and has written the PALM several very interesting letters recently.

R. B. Clapp (Penn State) is a mechanical engineer with offices at 6-8 East Read Street, Baltimore, Maryland. He tells of the efforts to organize an alumni association in that city.

Baltimore, which contains such old Alpha Tau veterans like former Worthy Grand Chief Thomas G. Hayes; John Q. Lovell, founder of the Sewanee chapter; R. Manson Smith, of the V. M. I. chapter, and many others, who still retain their early interest in Alpha Tau Omega, should not be without an alumni association.

W. S. Collins (Western Reserve) practices law at Morgan, Georgia.

Rollo N. Chaffee (Columbia) practices law at Duluth, Minnesota, with offices in the First National Bank Building.

Thomas Dunn (Illinois) is with the F. D. Cooper Oil Refinery, San Diego, California.

G. C. Davis (Wittenberg), who helped to establish our splendid Missouri chapter, is judge of the police court at Springfield, Ohio.

Harold W. Flint (Simpson) has resigned his position with the John Deere Plow Company, Omaha, and is now the cashier of the First National Bank, at Cozad, Nebraska.

R. B. Fortenbaugh (Gettysburg), who is attending the Lutheran Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, writes that he favors the PALM life subscription plan.

Fenton O. Fish (Hillsdale) writes that he has federated the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches at Quincy, Michigan, and remains there as the pastor of the federated church.

Emory E. Fry (Auburn) is with the Marshall Electric Company, Marshall, Texas.

Fred C. Foster (Nebraska) is the city attorney of Lincoln, Nebraska.

W. S. Goodenow (Penn State) is with the Pennsylvania Water and Power Company, at Holtwood, Pennsylvania.

S. M. Herron (Union) is the managing editor of the *Chi Zeta Chi Record*, a magazine published by the Greek-letter medical fraternity of that name. He resides in Nashville, Tennessee.

John H. Holt (Auburn) specializes in patents and trade mark law at Washington, District of Columbia.

William N. Jordan (Adrian), the president of the Des Moines Alumni Association, writes that his son has just been pledged by the Chicago chapter. Brother Jordan is practicing law at Des Moines.

Clarence R. Johnson (Brown), who was formerly an instructor at Robert College, Constantinople, is now engaged in tutorial work at Saranac Lake, New York.

Thaddeus M. Jones (Cornell), who was one of the first corps of Province Chiefs, is in the office of the third deputy police commissioner of New York City.

Clyde M. Kwis (Western Reserve) is with the Cleveland office of the American Multigraph Sales Company.

Dr. P. F. Kerstetter (Muhlenberg) is connected with the Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Roy J. Koplin (Western Reserve) is on the staff of the Cleveland (Ohio) *Plain Dealer*.

Dr. C. R. Long (W. & J.) is practicing dentistry at Smethport, Pennsylvania.

Harvey B. Lutz (Muhlenberg), who practices law at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, reports that for years he has always referred out-of-town legal matters to Alpha Tau lawyers in preference to any others and that the results have always been very satisfactory.

F. A. McDonald (Pennsylvania) is an officer of the second general service company of the Philippine Islands constabulary.

O. A. Ohman (Rose) is with the Snead Architectural Iron Works, Louisville, Kentucky.

Harry G. Noyes (Tufts) has law offices in Berlin and Gorham, New Hampshire.

L. H. Putnam (Emory), who is the superintendent of the Florida State Industrial School for Boys at Marianna, and who managed the brilliant Birmingham Congress of 1906, is sometimes inclined to be humorous. In answer to a letter requesting a remittance he writes, "Dear Reno: I'll be darned if I can see how a lawyer by the name of Reno (with all the divorce and alimony fees commonly attached to that name), who has an office in the COMMONWEALTH building, needs money." But Putnam came across just the same.

Kenneth Sischo (Minnesota) is of the firm of Sischo & Beard, jewelers, in the Ryan Building, St. Paul.



## BRIEF PERSONAL NOTES.

*Adrian:* R. R. McFall is located at Morgantown, Pennsylvania, where he is managing a breakfast food concern. Harry Michener, '00, is now on the staff of the general manager of the Western Electric Company, with headquarters in New York City and having under his direction the southern branch houses. Wesley, '14, is taking business administration at Harvard this year. Harley Jennings and Fred Hawkins are working at scientific farming. McWilliams is at Michigan Agricultural College. The Oliver Brothers are teaching in Memphis, Michigan. Aaron Jennings is in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the winter and Doan at his home in Blissfield.

*Alabama:* This is the first letter from the alumni correspondent of Beta Delta. We feel that the proper spirit has not been manifested toward this privilege that has been extended the alumni by the authorities in offering to publish letters concerning the boys of yesterday in A. T. O. The chapter letters have a general interest for every loyal Alpha Tau, irrespective of his present relations with the active organizations, or regardless of how far removed in years he is from the time when he was an active member; but an alumni letter should touch in all our hearts a very particular chord of concernment; for the present is the child of the past as well as parent of the future. So it is hoped that all of the alumni correspondents will get on the job right away and let us all have the pleasure of reading quarterly excerpts from the history in the making regarding the brothers who are now in the fight with all kind and classes. We will be glad to have letter and newspaper clippings from all of the Beta Delta alumni. The news notes at this writing are based on the principle of "the first last and the last first"; it is hoped that more accurate information may be secured for the next letter. Morrisette, who was made a member of Phi Beta Kappa at our last commencement, has recently been elected to a position on the law school faculty at Alabama. Browder and McGehee, '13, are located in Montgomery, and are fast winning places of prominence in the Capitol City bar. Another Alpha Tau barrister who is making a name for himself and the chapter in the legal circles is Johnnie Courtney, of Mobile. In the engineering

profession, Soost (Mobile), Riley (Birmingham), Davidson (Birmingham) and Nelson (Birmingham) are doing extremely well. Woodruff, familiarly known as "Pres," is physician for the T. C. I. Company, at Birmingham. Max Rogers, '12 and '13; Dick Foster, '14, and Barrow, '10, are all in Harvard pursuing legal and sociological studies. The three are rooming together. Dixie McCrossin is making a splendid record at Tulane in the medical school. Hagan, Alabama's star quarterback of last year, has been sojourning in South America since school closed last May. Ashby Long (Birmingham), Walter Gayle (Massachusetts), Lee Griffin (Moundville, Alabama), Bouchelle (Boligee, Alabama) and Stollenwerck (Uniontown, Alabama) are making good in the commercial world, each one following an active line of work. Other brothers will be heard from in our next letter.

*Albion:* William Bushaw has accepted a position as private secretary and treasurer of the Michigan Sugar Company, Detroit. Paul Weigman is teaching science and coaching at Iona High School, Iona, Michigan. Atkins, of the Gamma Xi chapter, Chicago, has accepted a position as instructor of oratory and debating at Albion. Rev. William Phelps has been appointed superintendent of the Lansing District of the Michigan Conference. Ray Babcock, '14, is teaching commercial work and coaching in the high school at Dallas City, Illinois. Donald Fall has entered his chosen field of journalism at South Bend, Indiana. James Reed is teaching commercial work at Winona College, Winona, Indiana. Harry Peall and John Shearer have this year entered the medical department at Ann Arbor. Warren Bean, formerly in the drug business, has accepted a position as traveling salesman for a Detroit firm.

*Brown:* Otto F. Pahline, '13, is situated at Albany, New York, with the Goodrich Rubber Company. "Chink" Towhill, '14, is teaching school in Greenfield, Massachusetts; his specialty in teaching is mathematics. "Les" Bagnall, '14, is in the employ of the Stranahan Company, of Providence, dealers in stocks and bonds. P. D. Collins, '13, has been shifted to the Akron office of the Goodrich Rubber Company. Thompson, '02, is seriously ill with typhoid fever at his home in Providence; we hope for his quick recovery and a speedy convalescence.

*Colby:* Harvey Knight is principal of the grammar school in Hallowell, Maine. Ray Haskell is also teaching; he is principal of the high school at Enfield, New Hampshire. Thomas Reynolds is taking a course at Harvard Law School. David Jack is at Derry, New Hampshire, where he has a pastorate. Stanley Miller is sub-master in the high school at Southington, Connecticut. Milroy Warren is principal of the high school at Brookfield, Maine.

*Florida:* R. A. Henderson, Jr., LL. B., '14, is practicing law in Jacksonville with Martin H. Long. T. P. Pruitt, LL. B., '14, has a lucrative position in Jacksonville with Marks, Marks & Holt, attorneys, of which firm Sam Marks (Virginia Beta) is a prominent member. Herbert Carter is spending this winter in St. Augustine and has made several pleasant visits to the chapter. Otis Barnes has been recently elected second lieutenant of the St. Augustine Company of the State Militia, and is taking a prominent and active part in military affairs. Malcolm McNeil will spend most of the winter in Tallahassee. Hentz Smith has a valuable connection with one of the prominent lawyers in Marianna, his home town. Charles Liddon, Jr., is in Marianna for the winter and will probably return to the university next term. George Jackson has been recently elected as county judge for St. Johns County. Robert R. Taylor, Jr., is practicing law with his father in Miami, Florida. Among the alumni brothers of this chapter present at the banquet held at the Hotel Mason on October 24th were James Baker, James Carson, Wyatt Martin, R. A. Henderson, Jr., Tom Pruitt and Dr. Julius Evans, of Jacksonville; John Moody and Douglas McMichael, of Tampa; Otis Barnes, George Jackson and H. B. Carter, of St. Augustine; G. P. Garrett, of Kissimmee; J. A. Forsyth, of Atlanta; Glover Taylor, of Gainesville; Eugene Casler, of Nichols; E. F. Householder, of Sanford; Frank Clark, Jr., of Gainesville; Ben Thrasher, of Micanopy; Borden Wilson, of Bartow; Henry Baker, of Palatka, and Dudley Towne, of Tampa. Sam Buie is establishing a large and lucrative law practice in Gainesville. Glover Taylor has recently purchased an old established fire insurance business in Gainesville and is doing well in his new venture.



*Gettysburg:* George H. Schaeffer is teaching and coaching in Tempe, Arizona. George E. Miller has entered the chemical department of the University of Pennsylvania. Rev. N. G. Phillippi will dedicate his new church in Govans, Maryland. Ralph W. Trimmer has entered the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. W. G. Falconer is teaching at Perkiomen Seminary. R. F. Fortenbaugh is attending the Gettysburg Theological Seminary and teaching Greek and Latin in the preparatory department.

*Hillsdale:* Hon. J. C. Hammond, of Lansing, Michigan, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is managing Governor Chase Osborn's campaign in the southern part of this State. Hammond was a student here in the 80's and his son is one of Beta Kappa's pledge men. Hon. E. C. Ewing, of Grand Rapids, one of the founders of this chapter, is making a strong race for Congress from his district, on the Progressive ticket. Lynn Ford, of the class of 1910, has received well earned recognition by being appointed as the new head of the commercial department of the local college. Ford had previously held a corresponding position in Iowa Wesleyan and so is well fitted for the place. Beta Kappa welcomes him to her ranks. F. E. Fish, '13, has been engaged as pastor of the United churches of Quincy, Michigan, for the coming year, with a fine increase in salary.

*Illinois:* L. W. Squier (Michigan Beta Kappa), affiliated with Illinois Gamma Zeta, is engaged in the furniture business at Rockford, Illinois. S. L. Pogue, '14, is practicing law in Paris, Illinois. L. J. Bunting, '14, is teaching school in North Yakima, Washington. W. M. Peeples, '14, is connected with the Rawleigh Medical Company, of Freeport, Illinois. B. S. Pfeiffer and Harold Smith, '13, are with the Commonwealth Edison Company, of Chicago.

*Kansas:* Roy Burdick is principal of the high school at Essex, Connecticut. Charles Hall is located at Auburn, Washington, where he is in the lumber business. "Stubb" Elmore is in the automobile business in Hutchinson, Kansas. Vinton Jones is learning the commission business under his father in Kansas City. Happy Martindale is practicing law in Hutch-

inson, Kansas. "Skip" Clauser and Harold Armsby are with the Hetinger Brothers Dental Supply Company, of St. Louis. Lourn Armsby is employed by the Kansas City branch of the same firm.

*Kentucky:* Kentucky Mu Iota was pleasantly surprised upon learning that Robert C. Dabney, '14, would be with us for two more years. He has been awarded a fellowship in chemistry by the Fleischman Yeast Company and is engaged at present in research chemistry. Word is received here occasionally from J. duP. Oosthuizen, who is in Vredefort O. F. S., South Africa. His last letter spoke of the critical times in that part of the world, of which, it seems, we have heard very little. "Oosty" is lecturing to the farmers down there on the best way to grow tobacco. Leslie Jones, of the Buffalo Forge Company, spent part of his vacation here.

*Muhlenberg:* Cook, '14, is taking post-graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Reese has received his doctor's degree from Muhlenberg College. Harvey Reno, ex-'13, is now boys' secretary of the Y. M. C. A., at Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Unangst, '14, is in business with his father in Nazareth, Pennsylvania. Preston A. Laury, S. T. D., '89, is now president of Waterloo College and Seminary. Edgar Romig, ex-'12, is teaching at the American College, Beirut, Persia. V. J. Bennet, ex-'12, is preaching in New York.

*Nebraska:* E. D. Mallery, of Alliance, Nebraska, is Republican candidate for the State Senate from his district. A. B. Tibbetts, of Hastings, Nebraska, is Democratic candidate for State Representative. W. W. Wenstrand, class of 1912, of Wahoo, Nebraska, is the Republican and Progressive candidate for county attorney of Saunders County. George A. Doll, '10, of Blair, Nebraska, is Democratic candidate for the same office in Washington County. On September 1, 1914, J. Frank McGogy was married to Miss Ruby Jackson. They will reside at Seattle, where McGogy will complete the course in pharmacy at the University of Washington. Fred A. Sutter has been appointed district judge with headquarters at Bisbee, Arizona. Harry Hollingsworth, '04, has recently been appointed to a full professorship in the department of psychology at Columbia Univer-

sity. John L. Cutright, '14, after his graduation this spring, received the appointment of vice consul general at Coberg, Germany. He arrived at Coberg early in July and is one of the few Americans who are reviewing the war first hand.

*Ohio State:* Harry Lynch is at present located at Mogollen, New Mexico, where he is mining engineer for a large mining company. Byron Fay is connected with the auto parts department of the Columbus Buggy Company. Robert McAllister is at present with his father connected with the grain brokerage business in Columbus, Ohio. Robert Faxon is with the Elm City Nursery Company, of New Haven, Connecticut. E. E. Perkins is instructor of manual training in the Columbus schools. Harry Vincent Fox is connected with the National Union Fire Insurance Company, of Columbus, Ohio. Evan J. Crane is associated with the chemical abstract department of Ohio State University. Gideon Hatfield is with a mining company located at Deming, New Mexico, as mining engineer. Harry Allen is an architect in the office of Otto Darst, of Columbus, Ohio. Clyde Waugh is head of the publicity department of the Middle West Soil Improvement Company, which is a branch of the National Fertilizer Company, with offices in Chicago.

*Ohio Wesleyan:* L. H. Carpenter, '14, is general manager of Starr's Pharmacy, at Delaware, Ohio. D. G. McRae, '14, is principal of the high school at Dennison, Ohio. Paul B. Parker is studying music in New York City.

*Rose:* Carl G. Planck, '09, has resigned his position with the government at Norfolk, and has taken a position as instructor in the high school at Charleston, South Carolina. R. J. Templeton, '14, is located at Youngstown, Ohio, as a civil engineer. A. S. Pfau, Jr., is connected with the North Baltimore Bottle Glass Works in Terre Haute. J. S. Gillum, '14, is employed in civil engineering work in Terre Haute. O. E. Reagan, '12, is professionally engaged with one of the leading architectural firms in New York City. F. T. Loehninger is located at Long Island, where he is doing engineering work in connection with bridge construction.

*St. Lawrence:* C. B. Olds, '12, is teaching in Poughkeepsie, New York. T. F. Canfield, '14, has entered the employ of Swift



& Co., in Chicago. F. E. Dexter, '14, is teaching this year in Godard Seminary, Barre, Vermont. L. A. Kinney, '14, has gone into the clothing business in his home town, Gouverneur, New York.

*Sewanee:* Rev. H. L. J. Williams has been advanced to the professorship of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Department of the university. William DuBose Bratton and H. D. Bull were ordained to the diaconate of the Episcopal Church this summer. The former is in charge of the parish at Indianola, Mississippi. The latter at Kingstree, South Carolina. R. N. Ward has entered the General Theological Seminary in New York City to complete his course in theology.

*Southwestern Presbyterian:* Buschgen is pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Buford finishes in law at Washington and Lee this year. John T. Gray is Chancery Court Clerk, Brownsville, Tennessee. P. W. Bell is agent of the I. C. Poplar Street Station, Memphis, Tennessee. Williams is at the Presbyterian Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana.

*Texas:* O. L. Wheeler, a former student of the university, is practicing law in San Antonio. Scott Klett has entered upon his second year as teacher in the Austin High School. Ivy H. Burney and Paul R. Ellis, last year's students, are practicing law in Uvalde. F. M. Pearce, 1914 graduate of the Texas pharmaceutical department at Galveston, is engaged in business at Balingier. Several former members of Gamma Eta are attending school elsewhere this year. Curtice M. Rosser and James Nixon are in Galveston. W. M. White is at Virginia University and H. W. Miller is at Michigan University.

*Tulane:* Watts K. Leverich has recently been appointed a notary for the Parish of Orleans. J. P. Montgomery is now located in New Orleans with Penich & Ford. Woodruff George will return shortly from Birmingham, where he has been for the past several years, to take a position with the Southern Cotton Oil Company.

*Vermont:* Prof. N. F. Merrill, dean of the Department of Chemistry, who has this year retired from active service, recently underwent a surgical operation at the Mary Fletcher Hospital, at Burlington, Vermont. He is making rapid progress toward

recovery. Hovey Jordan, '13, who received his master's degree last spring, will continue his studies at Harvard this year. Andrew Holt is teaching at the University of Iowa this year. Guy Bailey, Secretary of State, is a candidate for re-election on the Republican ticket.

*Western Reserve:* We are singularly fortunate in possessing an alumni annex. Ten of the older men have taken quarters in the house immediately next to the chapter house and patronize the chapter table. These men are C. H. Richey (Ohio Gamma Kappa), C. L. Small (Ohio Gamma Kappa), D. F. McIntosh (Ohio Gamma Kappa), R. H. McIntosh (Ohio Gamma Kappa), C. H. Kwis (Ohio Gamma Kappa), L. C. Wykoff (Ohio Gamma Kappa), C. E. McNab (Ohio Gamma Kappa), Karl Deakin (Ohio Gamma Kappa), G. H. Strong (Kentucky Mu Iota) and Willard Wilson (Ohio Beta Mu).

*Wittenberg:* Dolbeer, of Delaware, Ohio, has been elected secretary of the Miami Synod. Rev. G. B. Schmidt, of Newark, Ohio, is president of the Synod.

*Worcester:* F. W. Kennedy is living at 2 Northampton Street, Worcester, Massachusetts. J. N. Donovan is living at Alger, Skagit County, Washington. R. A. Waite is with the Casper Ranger Construction Company, at Claremont, New Hampshire.

## The Associations

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### BIRMINGHAM.

After a short lull during the hot summer months the Birmingham Alumni Association has resumed activities and the usual enthusiasm again prevails.

The same plan of holding meetings monthly has been adopted and the keen fraternal spirit present is most encouraging.

Vassar L. Allen, president of the association, "started the ball rolling" by inviting the brothers to hold their October meeting at his home. His hospitalities were deeply appreciated and a reception and dance was planned for the fifteenth. This proved to be one of the most attractive events of the season and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Birmingham is looking forward to the Nashville Congress with a great deal of interest and will be represented by a large number of the brothers. Preparations are being made to have this the meeting place of all brothers who will come our way and join us on a special train to Nashville. The extensive train service here and our propinquity to the Congress should bring a large number to the "Magic City" the day before the registration. Exact plans have not been decided upon, but due notice will be given all chapters and alumni associations that we think can come.

E. C. KAIN.

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### BURLINGTON.

At a meeting of the alumni association after the banquet at the chapter house last June the following officers were elected: President, Henry Hagar; secretary-treasurer, Guy M. Page; executive committee, John Evans, Hovey Jordan, Frederick Tupper (Beta Xi), Nathan F. Merrill and Bingham Stone.

The purpose of the association is the accumulation of a house fund for the Beta Zeta chapter at the University of Vermont. The association is particularly fortunate in that Herbert Hanson, who has just returned from a sojourn of eight years in Egypt, has been induced to spend at least a month in an active campaign which, with the fund previously accumulated, should raise the total to a sum which would make possible a purchase.

The association looks forward to a hearty response from Beta Zeta alumni since the cause is a worthy and vital one to the chapter at present.

H. W. MOORE.



## CHICAGO.

On September 26th the Chicago Alumni Association again resumed its monthly dinners. During the months of June, July and August these affairs are suspended, but the Thursday luncheons, held at the Brevoort Hotel, continue throughout the year.

The second dinner took place on October 17th and the Chicago chapter and pledges attended in a body. Frank Rhea Bott, Chief of Province II, was selected at this meeting as the delegate of the association to represent us at the Nashville Congress.

The coming monthly dinners will be held the second Friday of each month at 6.30 P. M. at the Grand Pacific Hotel, corner of Jackson Boulevard and Clark Street, and any brothers in the city on those dates are cordially invited to attend. Visiting brothers are also urged to eat with us when in the city on any Thursday between 12.30 and 1.30 at the Hotel Brevoort on Madison Street near LaSalle.

The secretary of the association would welcome correspondence and suggestions from the secretaries of the other alumni associations, with reference to building up our organizations.

There are on the records of the Chicago association the names of some 200 A. T. O.'s, but at no meeting has the attendance ever reached over 50 or 60. The men who do turn out enjoy these meetings and are regular attendants practically each month. There are other A. T. O.'s in the city, however, who have never attended one meeting, although they are always informed in ample time before hand. No doubt this situation exists in other cities, and it is up to us to devise some means of getting out the full membership.

The alumni associations of fraternities are bound to be of more importance in the future than they are now, and it is well that we adopt means for improving our own associations at once. The secretary would be glad to learn what features the other associations introduce in their monthly gatherings.

ROBERT C. BUCK.

## DAYTON.

During the past few months A. T. O. in Dayton has been more or less quiet. The active men in the city have been alive as usual and several new members at the various colleges grace our rolls. The graduated alumni have, as usual in such cases, been willing to sit back and let the younger fellows do the work, but several of us have met at various times and renewed old acquaintanceships. We plan this winter to inaugurate our first regular annual banquet instead of smaller banquets given frequently as of old.

We think it would be wise for all who can to attend the Nashville Congress, as it will be a great event. The writer knows whereof he speaks, and a Congress in the South is a real one, as nowhere is A. T. O.

spirit stronger than south of Mason and Dixon's line. Let's all go, and help stir up the spirit of our alumni, and help make our Fraternity the leading one in the college world.

CHARLES B. POPENOE.

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### FLORIDA.

On the night of October 24th there gathered around a banquet board at the Hotel Mason, Jacksonville, Florida, sixty-seven of the noblest Greeks for the purpose of a general get-together and the organization of a state alumni association. There were Alpha Taus from all over Florida and other states as well. We were particularly pleased to have with us, James Banks, of California, who knows Erskine M. Ross, one of our founders.

After a most delicious feed, and the business meeting was called to order by John B. Sutton, toastmaster, and there was organized the Alpha Tau Omega Alumni Association of the State of Florida, its primary purposes being the general uplift of the Fraternity and a permanent home for Florida Alpha Omega. The following officers were elected: Honorary president, W. J. Sears, Congressman; president, John B. Sutton, Lakeland, Florida; secretary, G. P. Garrett, Kissimmee, Florida; treasurer, Frank Broadnax, Jacksonville, Florida; national representative, E. C. Love, Quincy, Florida.

These are all men who are never ceasing in their labors for Alpha Tau Omega, and with them at the helm it is an assured fact that the alumni association will be a great success. The hearty co-operation of all the brothers present was pledged to the assistance of the officers, in a renewal of the vows to A. T. O.

Then the Jacksonville Alumni Association was rejuvenated, and with a lot of new blood in it, was launched on its second voyage with the following officers: A. J. Mitchell, president; Sam Marks, vice president; R. A. Henderson, Jr., secretary and treasurer.

The business being completed the brothers were treated to a series of toasts and impromptu talks, all of which plainly exhibited the unusual talents possessed by members of our great Fraternity. Several times during the festivities, "Ruh, Rah, Rega!" rang out as an expression of the enjoyment of the occasion, and Jay Hearin lead the closing ode as the brothers were about to leave.

The Jacksonville (Florida) *Times-Union* described the event thus:

At the get-together meeting held last night in the dining room of the Hotel Mason, sixty-seven members of the Greek-letter fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, had more than a generally good and wholesome time in reviving old times and bringing back pleasant memories of college days, exchanging greetings only as fraternity men can when they get together and speaking encouragingly of the future, and in addition

to this, they made a record for the state of Florida in bringing together the greatest number of fraternity men ever assembled at a similar event in the state, and deciding that this should be but the forerunner of similar events, annual, perhaps, that shall assume even greater proportions.

Many hundreds of miles distance from Jacksonville made no difference to A. T. O. men, for they came from practically all sections of the state, and even Georgia and California were represented and in addition to the many toasts scheduled for the evening there were a number of impromptu speeches made, a rollicking good time having nevertheless the spirit and atmosphere of good fellowship and sincerity thoroughly intermingled.

The banquet hall was the east end of the great dining room, divided off completely by means of heavy green curtains, and this space was arranged with several long tables and a number of smaller tables, which were decorated with pink and white carnations and plumosa, the men assembled each wearing a long stemmed white rose as a boutonniere.

## MENU.

Hearts of Celery	Queen Olives
Blue Points	
Cream of Tomato, Whipped Cream	
Filet of Sole, Tartare Sauce	
Julienne Potatoes	
Broiled Jumbo Squab on Toast	
Green Peas	Potato Croquettes
Merry Widow Salad	
Peach Ice Cream	
Assorted Cake	
Roquefort Cheese	Toasted Crackers
Coffee	

## TOASTS.

The toasts of the evening were the really great and enjoyable feature after all, with John B. Sutton, of the University of Florida, as the toast-master.

The toasts were:

"Jacksonville's Greeting," Frank Broadnax, who spoke in place of Hon Nathan P. Bryan, United States Senator:

"This is the best day the world has ever seen.  
Tomorrow will be better."

"The Tie That Binds," Hon. W. J. Sears, Democratic nominee for congress:

"Whom God hath joined together,  
Let no man put asunder."



"Alpha Tau Omega," Hon. Scott Loftin, in place of Hon. Thos. F. West, Attorney General of Florida.

"Spirit undying, brotherhood's bond,  
To the pulse of thy life, our heart-beats respond."

"The Shrine of the True Believer," Hon. E. C. Love, United States District Attorney:

"The Lord do so to me, and more also,  
If aught but death part me and thee."

"The Maltese Cross," G. P. Garret, Esq., attorney at law:

"The Maltese Cross of the Alpha Tau,  
Is writ in our hearts as the Brother's Law."

"Let's Get Together," Hon. James J. Banks, attorney at law, in place of Hon. Herbert S. Philips, United States District Attorney:

"In Union is Strength."

Impromptu Talks, The Brothers.

#### TELEGRAMS RECEIVED.

Telegrams received during the evening and read included the following:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—John B. Sutton, care Mason Hotel, Jacksonville: Please express to members present my regrets and disappointment at not being able to attend banquet. This will be a good time to open subscriptions for chapter house at university. You can count on me for \$100.

N. P. BRYAN.

Tampa, Oct. 24.—John B. Sutton, care Hotel Mason, Jacksonville: Dear Brothers: Always united in the bonds of A. T. O. May we get together often in this life and not be separated in eternity. Exceedingly regret that I cannot be present. May I feel the glow of the festal fires tonight as each brother reconsecrates himself to the principles of Alpha Tau. Fraternally,

H. S. PHILLIPS.

Tallahassee, Oct. 24.—Mr. John B. Sutton, Mason Hotel, Jacksonville: Owing to enforced absence from Tallahassee much longer than expected, regret that cannot get away for banquet this evening. Best wishes for success in ball game and otherwise.

T. F. WEST.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 24.—P. A. Vans Agnew, 916 Heard building, Jacksonville: Ask Sears make excuses for my absence from banquet tonight.

C. I. DAY.

Pensacola, Oct. 24.—Toastmaster, A. T. O. Banquet, Hotel Seminole or Mason Hotel, Jacksonville: The tears come to my eyes when I think of such a gathering of old friends and good fellows and I can't be there. Best wishes. Drink deep and often. Here's luck.

HERBERT A. FELKEL,  
Editor Pensacola News

Gainesville, Oct. 24.—John D. Sutton, care A. T. O. Banquet, Mason Hotel, Jacksonville: On account of the severe illness of my dear aged mother, I am not with you tonight, but you know that my best wishes are for the success of the A. T. O. alumni meeting and the advancement of the A. T. O. Fraternity in Florida. May it reach its ideal in our state and be an uplift to each young man that is fortunate enough to be one of its members. I send greetings to each one of you. Yours in A. T. O.

J. A. PHIFER.

#### THOSE PRESENT.

Included among those present were: J. A. Forsyth, of Atlanta; James J. Banks, of Los Angeles; W. J. Sears, of Kissimmee; John B. Sutton, of Gainesville; G. P. Garrett, of Kissimmee; Scott Loftin, of Pensacola; James Carson, of Jacksonville; C. P. Love, of Quincy; Frank Broadnax, of Jacksonville; Sam Mark, of Jacksonville; Randolph Pipes, of Jacksonville; James M. Baker, of Jacksonville; George Jackson, of St. Augustine; Edward Means, of Atlanta; Mr. Parks, of St. Petersburg; Glover Taylor, of Gainesville; Douglass McMichall, of Tampa; Philip May, of Gainesville; Doctor Boyd, of Tampa; Eugene Casler, of Nichols; E. F. Householder, of Sanford; Frank Clark, Jr., of Gainesville; Rex Taylor, of Jacksonville; Mr. Hill, of Jacksonville; Frank Holland, of Gainesville; L. W. Barlow, of Anderson, Ala.; Ben Thrasher, of Nichols; John Moody, of Tampa; John Watson, of Miami; Borden Wilson, of Bartow; George Jackson, of St. Augustine; James Sparkman, of Tampa; Robert Martin, of Jacksonville; Worth Dexter, of Live Oak; Frank Drew, of Live Oak; C. C. Chillingworth, of Stuart; Leonard Newman, of Jacksonville; Brown Byrd, of Live Oak; James Tillman, of Bartow; Emmitt MacWilliams, of St. Augustine; R. A. Henderson, Jr., of Jacksonville; Sheppard Holland, of Bartow; H. B. Carter, of St. Augustine; Otis Barnes, of St. Augustine; Daniel Padgett, of St. Augustine; Hiram Arnold, of Jacksonville; J. Hearin, of Quincy; Gayle McFadden, of Jacksonville; Harry Peeples, of Valdosta; Hayward Christopher, of Jacksonville; F. K. B. Carter, Jr., of Pensacola; Tom Pruitt, of Jacksonville; Dr. Julius Evans, of Jacksonville; Joseph Boyer, of Jacksonville; Henry Baker, of Palatka; Mr. Barker, of Jacksonville.

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#### HOUSTON.

The Houston alumni were hosts at a luncheon given the University of Texas chapter in the grille of the Rice Hotel, Saturday, November 7th, at the time of the Texas-Haskell Indian game. Sixteen men came from the chapter, six of whom were pledges. Thirty sat down to luncheon. Some very interesting talks were made by A. S. Cleveland (Sewanee), H. D. Martin (Bingham), John Charles Harris (Mt. Vernon), Joseph Cary (Columbian), W. D. Cleveland (Sewanee) and Sidney Terry (Texas).

In the evening, there was a dance at the Thalian Club.

The Houston alumni are anxious to get the name of any new Alpha Taus, who may have come in, and have not made their arrival known. Communicate with Carl L. Bradt, 409 First National Bank Building.

CARL BRADT

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#### IOWA.

The Iowa Alumni Association after a summer of inactivity is again coming to life and we are planning on a series of get-together meetings for this fall and winter. The Des Moines alumni took lunch together at the Chamber of Commerce rooms a few days ago. At that time we discussed informally plans for our annual meeting which we are planning on holding some time in December previous to the Nashville Congress. We expect to co-operate with the two active chapters at Iowa State College and Simpson College and want to make this, our fourth annual meeting, the best in our history. We believe that by holding our meeting during December we can arouse some enthusiasm over the coming Congress and perhaps induce both some of the alumni and actives to make the trip to Nashville who would otherwise stay at home.

In this connection we might state that we certainly expect to have at least one delegate to Congress anyway.

Since our last letter to the PALM, one of our most loyal members, William Montgomery, left Des Moines and is now in Minneapolis. We are sorry to lose him, not only because he was a good fellow, but because we could always depend upon him when any A. T. O. call went out.

D. S. KRUIDENIER.

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#### LOUISVILLE.

The Louisville alumni have been inactive for quite a spell, but now that the Nashville Congress is approaching the several members are awakening and calling for a meeting.

Quite a party is being arranged to visit our sister state and city to see first handed how our brothers will disport themselves under the management of a Congress. From the letters we have received of the Nashville brothers we infer that they intend to make the coming Congress an historical event. We of Louisville are "for" them and know that they will give us an occasion that is worthy of Province VIII.

The alumni of Louisville will be pleased to have any of the Alpha Taus visiting Louisville to come see us, whenever passing through or in this vicinity make it a point to drop in and we will do our best in the entertainment line. We do not have any regular headquarters, but it is very easy to get in touch with us. Get the name of any one of the Alpha Taus in town and you will be surprised how quickly the others will flock around.



## PORTLAND.

On the evening of September 12, 1914, there gathered at the Oregon Hotel, Portland, Oregon, Alpha Tau Omega alumni, active and prospective brothers, to the number of thirty-eight. The event was the fifth annual banquet of Taus, held each year prior to the opening of the University of Oregon, to revive old memories and to fill up again with the A. T. O. spirit; to cheer the brothers as they go back to work and to welcome prospective Taus with a cheering word.

Homer D. Angell, president of the Portland Alumni Association, acted as toastmaster and after the food had passed on its predestined way, he called upon most every one present for some remarks. A. T. O. good fellowship was everywhere present and it did our hearts good to see it. Made some of us older men have heartpangs, not to be able to go back with the active men and live over again those joyous, carefree days of college and fraternity life. While this is denied us, we may have this privilege of meeting from time to time and forget the struggle for existence and revel in good Alpha Tau friendship.

The food was good; the toasts were better; but the spirit manifested was best of all. Every one had a good time and at parting longed for the next meeting. May it come soon.

The officers of the association are Homer D. Angell, president; J. G. Rainey, Secretary and PALM correspondent. R. R. RUDOLPH.

## SPOKANE.

Our association is very young, it being not quite a year since receiving our charter. Hence we have not accomplished anything as yet worth recording. Through the winter we try to meet every second Wednesday for luncheon at noon and once a month for dinner and smoker at one of the clubs or hotels. Our fraternity interest, of course, is centered mostly on Washington State College, at Pullman, it being our nearest active chapter. They very often send a delegate up to our monthly meetings. We consider this wonderful spirit in that Pullman is almost a five-hour ride from Spokane, which means that the delegate spends ten hours on the train to attend an ordinary regular alumni meeting. We wonder how many eastern active chapters would do that three or four times in a school year?

A number of our brothers expect to attend Washington Gamma Chi's initiation ceremonies this winter to renew their ideas of the secret work and also to "get a line on" the chapter's general condition.

We are in hopes that we will be able to send a delegate to the Nashville Congress in December. Though our limited membership and the great distance between us and Nashville may prevent us, nevertheless the Washington Gamma Chi delegate will represent us by proxy and will be instructed as to our views upon the different matters.

L. M. MUNSON

## ST. LOUIS.

On Saturday evening, August 29th, the St. Louis Alpha Taus with their ladies gave a farewell dinner party at Forest Park Highland in honor of William A. Elliot, president of the local alumni association. After the dinner all attended the theatre and this was followed by an auto drive through the famous Forest Park. The whole evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Elliot is now in charge of claims for the Aetna Life Insurance Company in its accident and liability department, over territory covering the southeastern states with headquarters in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

We are indeed very sorry to lose a man of Elliot's type, for he has been without doubt the most loyal member of Alpha Tau Omega in St. Louis and during his residence here he has won a warm place in the heart of every Alpha Tau in this city.

Another loyal Alpha Tau to leave St. Louis during the summer was S. Boulton Thompson, who with his family is now a resident of Tampa, Florida. When Thompson came to St. Louis four or five years ago he at once became one of our regulars and remained so up to the time of his departure. We shall not only miss Thompson, but also his splendid wife and family, for we liked them better and better the longer we knew them.

Our kindest thoughts and our very best wishes go with these two brothers and with the Thompson family in their new fields of labor.

We shall be busy from now on getting ready to entertain the trans-Mississippi delegates and alumni on their way to the Nashville Congress.

L. H. CUMMINGS.

The St. Louis Alumni Association has secured headquarters at the Planters Hotel in that city for December 29th, being Tuesday the day before Congress meets. All delegates from west of the Mississippi River are requested to plan to arrive in St. Louis on the morning of the 29th, and to purchase their tickets so that all can leave St. Louis together on the Congress train in the evening. The train designated is the Illinois Central "Dixie Flyer" leaving St. Louis at 8.26 P. M. and arriving in Nashville at 7.45 A. M. The St. Louis alumni are arranging to hold open house on the day prior to Congress and to "show the town" to the delegates. Effort should be made to have every delegate present in that city on the morning of Tuesday, the 29th. Local passenger agents will be present to arrange for sleeping car accommodations on the Congress train.

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SPRINGFIELD.

The Springfield Alumni Association has few letters in the PALM. Indeed, our organization has but few meetings. Perhaps, as you read this, you will at once conclude that this is not as it should be. We are

willing to admit that it has a strange appearance on the face of it, but paradoxical as it may seem, our association is one of the liveliest propositions you ever met. It has but one idea, and every man in it has that idea indelibly impressed upon him—that Ohio Alpha Psi shall maintain an excellent chapter house. Our association is in the process of purchasing the property in which the chapter has been living for the past several years. It is the best chapter house in the city and one of the best in the state. We mean that it shall become better. This is our one idea, and every one of the seventy-five brothers who belongs to our association is deeply interested in this matter and keenly alive to the welfare of our chapter. When one stops to consider the old days it is to marvel.

We do have one meeting in the year and it is a meeting. We are now making preparations for it. This meeting occurs on the third Monday in January each year and we aim to make it worth remembering and worth looking forward to. This meeting is the annual meeting of our association (incorporated). At this time we hear all financial reports, we hear our alumni, we entertain the recently initiated freshmen, and we all get together. We do all this sufficiently well to give us the necessary impetus to carry us through another year, not merely passively active, but fired with zeal and enthusiasm to further prosecute the one idea that grips us.

For the approaching meeting, Warren W. Diehl has been selected as chairman of the committee on arrangements; Thomas S. Phillips, chairman of the committee on entertainment, and Dr. J. A. Ness, chairman of the committee on program. We know what these chairmanships mean if you do not. We are in hopes that we shall have our Province Chief with us this year and were greatly disappointed that engagements would not permit him to be present on the last occasion. We want to show him what a real live bunch of alumni we are.



# The Active Chapters

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## THE INITIATES

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(From February 24, 1914, to November 17, 1914.)

The Worthy Grand Keeper of Exchequer reports the following initiations:

PROVINCE I—*Auburn*: D. M. Rickenbaker, R. C. Lecraw, J. S. N Davis, Jr., P. W. Saffold, Leo Donovan, K. G. Caughman, J. L. Littlejohn, B. H. Brown, E. N. Scoville; *Alabama*: Samuel J. Steiner, William J. DeVere; *Southern*: L. C. Calhoun, Joe W. S. Sledge, A. D. Crowe, J. M. Dunnelly, Jr., W. A. Bass, W. S. Chapman; *Florida*: R. E. MacWilliams, J. K. Sparkman, John W. Watson, Jr., L. W. Barlow, G. D. Manor, C. B. Byrd, H. D. Padgett, Pleasant H. Robnett; *Emory*: Henry S. Munro, John J. Ingram, Jr., Washington T. Irvine, Jr., William Y. Roddenberg; *Mercer*: R. W. Williams, C. R. Wilcox, W. B. Brooks, W. M. Mason, S. W. Freeman, H. Hicks, Ernest L. Smith, Jr., James R. VanBuren, Jr.; *Georgia Tech*: D. P. Rathbone, William S. Golden, Howard D. Cutter, Jr., Edwin M. Cole, Jr., Clarence R. Beutell, Paul R. Appleby, Richard L. Taylor, Edward H. Flemister, John T. Smith, Hunter J. Price; *Tulane*: George W. Billups, George C. Walshe, Jr., Nevil L. LeBeuf, Edward D. McCutcheon, Thomas A. Parker; *Texas*: Walter C. Scherding; *Georgia*: Walter T. Jenkins, J. T. Brown, J. C. Bennet, E. B. Grogan, R. B. Twitty, H. L. MacDonald, Jr., J. W. West, H. F. Longino, S. G. Story.

PROVINCE II—*Chicago*: Paul G. Blazer, David E. Shambaugh, Carroll B. Flanders, John R. Lafleur, David Jack, W. H. Wieser, R. A. Burt, P. H. Keene; *Rose*: Ernest B. Allen; *Purdue*: G. A. Ross; P. L. Kampschaeffer, R. E. Wilson, M. D. Taylor, R. C. Breene, L. H. Chase, M. F. Becker, F. L. Haynes, R. E. Griffith, A. H. N. Graves, G. P. Patton, K. Hodges; *Adrian*: Leon V. Jenkins; *Hillsdale*: L. S. Tarbell, E. P. Freeman, R. E. Chase, William L. Gray; *Michigan*: Robert B. Frantz, *Albion*: Carl A. Tobias, Harold M. Spears, B. Franklin, R. Miller, H. E. Young, H. L. Wheaton, Ralph R. Howes; *Wisconsin*: W. S. Middleton, J. Carson, R. D. Masse, V. Nelson, Edward L. Mouser, Herbert R. Howe, Clifford I. R. Josephson, James E. Wells, J. Willard F. Moore, Arthur D Butterfield.

PROVINCE III—*Colorado*: Leslie C. Paul, James H. Klingler; *Simpson*: R. C. Trumbo, H. V. Wright, H. J. Kern, Paul L. Millhone, Kenneth B. Holmes, Lester H. Milligan, Howard O. Smith, Carl W. Nevins; *Iowa State*: Harry L. Hilleary, Wayne C. Nichols, Albert J. Arp, Oliver G. Bacon, Homer G. Roland, Clarence A. McClurg, Ove C. Christiansen; *Kansas*: Kenneth L. Dodderidge, Lawrence P. Rathfon, T. H. Ise, F. R. O'Donnell, M. M. Foster, C. L. Gillis, F. W. Haitbrink, R. A. Hall, Samuel F. Baker; *Minnesota*: Lawrence K. Lawle; *Missouri*: C. H. Fawcett, W. W. Raines, Warren M. Goodspeed, A. Sach-Rowitz, D. V. Callahan, James H. Harkless, Jr.; *Nebraska*: J. W. Miller, W. A. Schumacher, Martin B. Chittick, H. G. Marsh, L. H. Thomas, D. W. Fauquet, John G. Elliott, Leon T. Gillilan, Robert E. Chittick, Jr., Russel M. Vifquain, *Wyoming*: L. V. Simmons, L. N. Rogers, E. N. Roberts, E. E. Davis, H. N. Wilcox, J. T. Peterson, Charles S. Greenbaum, Gerald F. Coons, Tracy S. McCracken, Potter Bowman.

PROVINCE IV—*Maine*: S. W. Stoddard, D. E. Lawton, Phillip S. Dutton, Alton R. Libby, Howard L. Annis, Voyle E. Abbott, Vergue R. Snow, Lawrence E. Mulloney, Martin J. Murphy, Francis E. Wilson; *Colby*: A. C. Dunn, M. A. Golden, V. G. Smith, E. E. Chase; *M. I. T.*: Jacob Story, William E. Walker, Robert L. McClellan, C. D. Tise, J. R. Milliken, W. G. Farr, Willard G. Brown, Cary B. Easley, M. J. Lathrop; *Tufts*: P. B. Rowe, Leigh H. Hammond, Russel W. Potter, Harold C. L. Jackson, Herbert B. Bouve, A. Appleyard, Harris G. Monroe, J. C. Geer, W. F. McKenzie; *Worcester*: J. N. Davidson, P. S. Haselton, N. C. Firth, William F. Kennedy, Robert L. Tomblen.

PROVINCE V—*St. Lawrence*: G. E. Fox, F. J. Clary, Lawrence G. Wygant, Frederick W. Scribner, Charles P. Reynolds, Harold J. Smith, Clark L. Frost, John M. Hazen, Ward E. Griffen, Robert J. Noble, Myron J. Whittemore; *Cornell*: Ralph Hall, G. D. Stahl, Chester B. Smith, Allan Ross, Joseph D. Masson, Norman H. Long, Arthur W. Jones, Henry W. Hubbell, Lincoln N. Hall, Lawrence E. Haines, Herbert G. Drescher, Edmund E. Barrington, Charles C. Woodruff, Jr.; *Muhlenberg*: Charles M. Scheetz, William L. Caskey, Louis J. Hayes, Claude T. T. Laudenslager; *W. & J.*: W. R. Baker, J. Drew, P. C. Kern, P. E. Drew, Basil L. Connelly, James A. Shaw; *Lehigh*: L. G. Stem, William T. Staats, Theodore B. Lashell, Leicester H. Lancaster, Foster E. Clark, Charles S. Hyatt, Samuel S. Richards, Jr., W. Brenton, Arthur R. Randall; *Gettysburg*: George F. Leamy, Wilbur S. Mellinger, William A. Thompson, Stewart E. Duff, W. W. Hall, H. H. Pennock, J. M. Cullough, A. W. Clunt, L. K. Scheffer; *Penn State*: R. C. Reinhardt, Paul L. Wetzell, Kent H. Langenberg, Walter B. Strickler, Robert R. Campbell, Walter W. McMain, Charles E. Albert; *Pennsylvania*: H. F. Diehl, J. H. Stebbins, C. A. Barrett, S. A. Joy, Wallace F. Stewart, Robert A. Ferguson.

PROVINCE VI—*North Carolina*: K. A. Kirby, Ernest S. Savage, A. S. Nelson, H. P. Smith, E. P. Pendergrass, McD. Lewis, R. L. Lewis; *Trinity*:

J. W. Smoot, J. H. Ruff, A. J. McKennon, J. O. Durham, A. C. McKennon, B. Arendell, R. A. Stamey; *Charleston*: Joseph I. Waring, Jr., Elias P. Ravenel, Edward Manigault, Charles M. Edens; *W. & L.*: Bruce F. Woodruff; *Virginia*: F. G. Davidson, L. M. Bettis, J. L. Medlin, Harry Ezzel.

PROVINCE VII—*Mt. Union*: J. W. Linsay, B. Y. McCready, C. L. Mouck, S. C. Rickard, R. F. Fletcher, H. E. Beard, Robert H. Richardson, Howard A. Baugh, E. B. Bowman, R. L. McLean; *Wittenberg*: Earl L. Crist, Elton D. Ketch, Robert D. Botley, Herbert H. Shook, Warder J. Meranda, Eugene L. T. Ness, Robert R. Russell, Karl K. Shearer, Read M. Kuhns, John H. Tuttle, Harold A. Staley; Harold M. Fross, Joe R. Harner; *Ohio Wesleyan*: Arthur R. Reid; *Ohio State*: P. B. Edwards, D. S. Ewalt, F. A. Lewis, H. C. Solether, C. R. Dewey, H. C. Howard, A. L. Knight, C. C. Barber, Edgar E. Weltner, Addis E. Halle, G. R. Hostetter, C. C. Silsby.

PROVINCE VIII—*Kentucky*: Henry J. Wurtelle; *S. W. P. U.*: A. H. Bray, J. A. Boyd, R. M. Graham; *Vanderbilt*: Mark Butler, J. M. Green, R. J. Warner, S. G. Shakelford, R. E. Thompson, W. V. Sanford, W. R. Bourne, L. M. Richey, Y. D. Moore, G. C. Almon; *Union*: H. E. Long, Will E. Roberts; *Sewanee*: H. L. J. Williams, Edward H. Martin, Edward B. Harris, Noel E. Paton, Robert F. Hodge, Frank R. Ellerbe, William S. Ray, Dean B. Lyman, Charles L. Ruth, Jr.; *Tennessee*: William F. Lee, Alexander D. Cameron.

PROVINCE IX—*Leland Stanford*: William R. Meyer, Oliver W. Field, L. R. Sine, Ernest S. Christensen, Harlan H. Dykes, C. W. Nagel, Edward M. Ford, Joseph H. Stearn, Dana Burks, Jr.; *California*: Dana F. Elliott, L. W. Goeppert, J. B. Day, L. S. Nelson, S. W. Cosby, W. G. Metson, H. D. Langhorne, J. H. Dunbar; *Oregon*: Charles R. Nelson, Cyrus A. Sweek, Ernest E. Williams, Walter E. White, John P. Telford; *Washington (State)*: Ray V. Baker, Roy Larsen, Joseph T. Longfellow; *Washington (University)*: Lawrence D. Berlin, H. E. Gray, L. W. Zeth, C. W. Morrison.



## THE CHAPTER LETTERS.

### PROVINCE I.

#### ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC.

The rushing season was a great success and we were able to select a bunch of new men who will do credit to the Fraternity, and help in the upholding of the chapter's standards here at Auburn.

Fourteen of last year's chapter returned and the prospects are very bright for one of the best years in the history of the chapter. Already



great interest is being shown by the new men in the welfare of the chapter and every effort is being put forward to increase the general efficiency of the men collectively and individually.

Louisell, Prendergast and Arnold, of last year's football team, have returned and are again at their old places. Samford, Caughman and Davis are showing up well on the scrubs. Caughman is ineligible this year, but promises to make a place on the team next year. Louisell is manager of the baseball team and Cook of the basketball team. Moreland is exchange editor of the *Orange and Blue* and vice president of the Engineering Society. Prendergast is vice president of the sophomore class and Samford is treasurer.

On October 17th Alpha Epsilon was host, with the K. A. Fraternity, at a dance given in honor of the new men. Many visiting girls were present and the affair was one of the most enjoyable social events given by our chapter.

Y. G. SAMFORD.

#### SOUTHERN.

Southern is on the boom. With the coming of Doctor Rush the college has entered upon an era of prosperity from which great things are expected. Also Beta Beta has opened up strong. With the return of six old men we have commenced what we feel sure will be one of Beta Beta's most successful years. Never has more enthusiasm been shown at this season.

Scholarship has long been held as the chapter's chief standard. Last year sixty per cent. of the chapter was on one of the honor rolls—a record that has never been surpassed, if ever equaled here. The Eva B. Comer scholarship in English was won by Mathews in 1913 and by Mathews and Segrest in 1914. We even hope to excell this excellent record during the present year.

While placing scholarship first we do not at all disregard other college activities. Segrest is very creditably performing the duties of business manager of the *Southron* and is ably assisted by McGehee. Robinson is on for Challenge debate, the most important debate of the year. McGehee represents one of the literary societies on the speakers' council and is also captain of the society basketball team. Segrest is president of the senior class, while Dannelley holds the same office in the freshman class.

In athletics, also, we are holding our own. We are represented on the basketball team by McGehee and Sledge, who are also coaching the co-ed basketball team this year. In tennis, both doubles and singles, Sledge, who is the captain of the team, represents us. Last year we had on the baseball team Ward as coach, Chapman, Sledge, Calhoun and McGehee, and this year we will have Sledge, McGehee and Chapman.

We acknowledge with pleasure visits from Rush, Carmichael and Calhoun. Any of the brothers that happen to be passing through our town will do us a kindness by letting us know they are in Greensboro.

TUPPER LIGHTFOOT.

## ALABAMA.

The commercial phrase, "As we live we grow," seems peculiarly appropriate to apply to conditions at Alabama with regard to Beta Delta just now at this, the beginning of our twenty-ninth year. This is not stereotyped, either. Both exoterically and esoterically, we feel that we are justifiable in making this statement.

The personnel of our local chapter is more uniform, compact and harmonious than it has been in many years. The general atmosphere that pervades our chapter is in perfect harmony with the new spirit that characterizes our greater university. Every fellow is working with a threefold purpose: to better his frat, his college and his self.

The scholarship standing is excellent; our academic record is improving; our social and fraternal prestige is enviable; and the "pep" among our fellows is unsurpassed.

This year we returned fourteen men. We have initiated two 1913 pledges, Rushing season begins November 9th, and we feel sure of landing a number of prospects.

At present our activities are confined to our immediate college and fraternal duties. Beta Delta is well represented in all of the various college organizations. Particularly is this true concerning the "Skulls," an inter-fraternity society, and the football team. W. L. and G. R. Harsh, Bates, Moseley and Woodruff are wearing the "skull and keys," while W. L. and G. R. Harsh, Bates, Burkes and Neville are on the football squad. DeVere is doing stellar work on the freshman eleven. "Chic" Hannon is with us during the football season as assistant coach.

Bates, of Mobile, is the newly elected Worthy Master. During the current year we expect to see the ground broken for our chapter house. Things look bright for Beta Delta in every respect and we hope to make this the most eventful year in our history. **GERALD G. WOODRUFF.**

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## FLORIDA.

Ten of last year's brothers gathered at the opening of school, and we were glad to welcome as affiliates Spessard Holland, of Georgia Alpha Theta, and John Upchurch, of Georgia Alpha Beta. Phil May, a graduate of 1911, came back for the law course. Through the efforts of Newman and Sutton the chapter house and grounds were in fine shape to receive us, and, as a result of an active summer, all the brothers came back ready for a most successful rushing season. We got the cream of the new men, and initiated eight men. With these men, we round out a chapter of twenty-one men, and, all things considered, Alpha Omega was never in better shape.

As usual, we are emphasizing all features of college life, being well represented in all departments. Hearin continues as a prominent member of the band, and has been re-elected president of the Glee Club

and manager of the scrubs. He was also business manager of the *Seminole*, the college annual, but, on account of heavy work, was compelled to resign. Newman was elected to fill his place. Sparkman is the star of the varsity, and Newman, Wilson and Maner are showing up well on the scrubs. Spessard Holland has been doing excellent work on the gridiron, but is disqualified to participate in any games. Frank Holland is doing good work in the band. It was a pleasant surprise to have Carter back with us, as we were afraid that he would be compelled to remain out this year. Peeples, our last year's affiliate from Georgia Alpha Theta, and Tillman, appreciating the possibilities of scientific farming, have gone over to the "Ag" course. Chillingworth as house monitor is keeping things in fine shape, and inspiring the goats to great deeds for Alpha Tau. The deep sympathy of the entire chapter goes out to McMullen in the loss of his sister.

Through the efforts of Sutton, there was a great Alpha Tau feed at the Hotel Mason in Jacksonville on the night of October 24th, a more detailed account of which is given elsewhere in the PALM. The entire chapter, except Wilson and Robnett, were present.

The chapter has been active in a social way, and thus far, we have had two delightful informal dances at the chapter house.

Among the new men for the ribbon societies we have Upchurch, Watson and May as Thetas, and MacWilliams and Byrd as Serpents.

It is a source of deep regret to every member of the chapter that circumstances have compelled John Sutton to leave us. For three years he has been a bulwark of strength to the chapter, and by his untiring efforts has been largely responsible for the wonderful progress made by our chapter, and to him entirely is due the success of the greatest fraternity gathering ever held in Florida—the banquet at the Hotel Mason in Jacksonville. It will be impossible to fill his place, but the inspiration of his accomplishments will be with us to make us all better Alpha Taus.

PHIL S. MAY.

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#### GEORGIA.

The standard of "quality first" which Alpha Beta maintains was not lowered this year when we emerged from the fray of rushing season with the names of eight of the best men that entered Georgia on our chapter roll. It was our pleasure and good fortune to have John L. Tye, of Virginia Delta, and J. C. Mallett and Jack Staton, of Emory Alpha Theta, affiliate with us at the opening of the fall term. As we returned fifteen old members, this gives us a chapter composed of twenty-three men.

Again we are able to say that our chapter takes a leading part in all branches of college life. We are adequately represented on the gridiron, on the diamond, in the athletic association, Glee Club, the senior society, and in dramatic, literary, honorary and social clubs—in short, every phase of university activity.



On the night of November 6th the chapter entertained with a very elaborate house dance. The affair was of the "semi-formal" kind, and every one present took pleasure in co-operating with the hosts in making the evening one of delightful and care-free enjoyment.

The first Saturday night in December we celebrate "Founder's Day" with a banquet at the Georgian Hotel. All local brothers and a few out-of-town alumni will be present to add their share to the success of the occasion.

Recently, we have been visited by Lynch, Scarlett, Tabor and Payne.

ASHTON BURFORD.

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#### MERCER.

Alpha Zeta only returned four men this year and for a while prospects looked gloomy; but consistency claimed for us eight new men. Arnold, of Georgia Alpha Beta, is an affiliate.

It is an acknowledged fact that our prospect is the brightest we have had in years. The bunch as a whole seem impressed with the requirement of scholastic standing and all seem zealous to that end.

We recently gave a reception to our new men, the town alumni and the ladies of the town. The occasion was carried out in true A. T. O. style and was greatly enjoyed by all.

Alpha Zeta has for several years been trying to organize a Pan-Hellenic Council here, but not until this year has efforts been realized. At the first of the year we were successful in uniting all of the frats, and the first meeting was called in our halls, where an effective plan of organization was worked out. We feel now that all our efforts have at length culminated for our greatest good, the good of all the frats and the school as a whole.

We acknowledge the visits recently of Crandall, of Georgia Alpha Theta, and Church, of Ohio Nu Pi.

ROSS GRANT.

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#### GEORGIA TECH.

When the Georgia School of Technology formally opened on September 28th, Beta Iota found prospects unusually bright. Fifteen old brothers returned, and we were fortunate in pledging and initiating eight new men, whom we think are the very best.

On October 23d the chapter gave an informal dance in honor of the new brothers. This was the first fraternity dance of the year, and was quite a success; about 150 guests were entertained.

A new system of ruling the freshmen has been organized in the fraternities. This was done so as to make the controlling of the under classmen much more simple within the school at large. This is something that Georgia Tech has long needed and now that the fraternities are behind it this system will soon be in good form.

There is at present a plan on foot to bring the alumni in closer touch with the active chapter. These relations have been somewhat lax in the past few years.

We have had the pleasure of visits from Tabb, of Worchester Tech, Church, of Mount Union; Sturgis, of Lehigh; also numerous visits from Means, Barnwell, Colley and Davis.

B. J. GANTT.

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#### TULANE.

The opening of the college on September 28th saw Beta Epsilon represented by six men. Philip Werlein and Luke Halloway left us last spring at graduation, and we were disappointed to learn that James Barr and Allen Cooke could not be with us this year. However, inspired with the Alpha Tau spirit, it was not long before Beta Epsilon had pledged and initiated four of the most popular among the new men to enter college. By a unanimous vote Davis McCutcheon was elected vice president of the freshman class, and Thomas Parker was on the class tug-of-war team.

The Pan-Hellenic pledging system in force last year allowed men to be pledged a month after the opening of college. This system caused the resignation of several fraternities from the Pan-Hellenic with the result that the latter finally allowed all fraternities to pledge men upon entering college. This causes the elimination of a long rushing season and was welcomed by most of the fraternities.

The Alumni Corporation for the erection of a chapter house has progressed materially since last summer, and it will not be long before we can write to the PALM of the Beta Epsilon chapter house. All the alumni have come forward generously, and the sufficient number of shares to form a corporation have been subscribed. In forming this corporation, we have to thank the alumni for their generous support, and especially William Bell and Watts Leverich, who lent their time and efforts in its formation.

A. W. NORMAN.

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#### TEXAS.

Gamma Eta began her seventeenth year by the return of thirteen old men and one transfer, Chamberlain, from Tennessee Omega. Faculty rules for rushing were abolished, and the faithful thirteen set to work to gather in the best. As a result of these efforts and the assistance of the city alumni and several out-of-town brothers, we find ourselves claiming six select freshmen as our share of the strangers. Three of the four of last year's pledges failed to return, hence we have had but one initiation thus far.

Although the faculty saw fit to abolish the rushing rule, still they have deemed it wise to adopt another rule whereby each fraternity

shall make all their work with an average grade of seventy-five per cent. before the initiation of this year's freshmen and the pledging of those of next year can take place. We are confident this regulation will not in the least prove a source capable of heaping future embarrassment upon us, and as a safeguard to get the freshmen started right, the chapter has decided to hold open meetings on the first Thursday night of each month. The object of such gatherings will be to encourage scholastic work, and to make the bonds between freshmen and upper classmen more realistic.

Gamma Eta also deserves mention both athletically and socially. All of our men take active part in either one way or the other. Thus Cone will again fill his old place as chief slabsman for the baseball team. Adams is a member of the soccer and track teams; Bradley is matching up well for tennis, and Pennybacker is showing the freshmen how to do stunts on the mat and bar. From the social standpoint Alpha Tau Omega is equally well balanced. Six of our men are members of social clubs, Bradley being the president of one of these; two of the freshmen have received bids, and Dale has just been initiated into the Rattlers.

O. B. SANER.

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## PROVINCE II

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### ILLINOIS.

Gamma Zeta is now well started on a year which should prove, by the present outlook, to be the most successful of her career. We have pledged twelve live men of true A. T. O. caliber.

R. E. Thomas, our Worthy Master, was recently pledged by Tau Beta Pi. Blake has been initiated into Tau Lambda Rho; Bronson, the business manager of the 1916 *Illio*, is an Alpha Delta Sigma, and Lovell made Psi Mu.

Tom Browning was recently made president of the sophomore class in a hotly contested election and George Blake is now senior class secretary.

The Illinois football team, for the first time in several years, is making a strong bid for the conference championship and two of the mainstays of the aggregation are A. T. O.'s. Pogue is playing his usual stellar role in the back field, his sensational open-field running being the feature of every game. Squire at end plays a great defensive game and is an adept at receiving passes.

ROGER HILL.

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### CHICAGO.

Notwithstanding the loss by graduation of five old men, and the failure of four or five other brothers to return, the chapter returned with twelve active men, several days before college opened, to begin the strenuous work of rushing. Although hindered somewhat by the



new rushing rules, we succeeded in pledging thirteen of the best men in college. The chapter gave several smokers at the house during rushing season, to which the alumni responded cordially. Our first informal dance of the year was given on the evening of November 7th, and was chaperoned by Cooke and his wife. The dance was one of the most brilliant ever given by Gamma Xi.

The activities of the campus have been rather neglected as a result of the strenuous rushing season and most of the new men are concentrating their energy upon their studies, so that we may sustain the high local scholastic standing. We are represented on the Glee Club by Windrow, Hilton and Wise, and on the Mandolin Club by Haupt, who has been re-elected leader. Hupp is out for the wrestling team and Hutsler for cross-country. Both will undoubtedly make their respective teams.

A. W. HAUPT.

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#### ROSE.

The chapter lost several good men unexpectedly, but returned enough to rent a new and much better located house at 1035 North Eighth Street. The rushing season has reached its climax, pledging day occurring October 31st. We entertained about ten freshmen with a dinner-theatre party, followed by a smoker. Material is good, but there are seven fraternities to pick from seventy men, half of whom are likely to flunk out within a year.

Weinhardt has been elected president of the Glee Club and the Symphony Club, and is a member of the Student Council, of which Compton is vice president. Whelan is sophomore secretary. Spike Woodward has distinguished himself by making varsity football, and was signally honored by being stepped on by the great Eichenlaub himself, in the Notre Dame game.

Visits have been received from Pogue, Gamma Zeta; Schwegler, Penn Tau; Spruhan and Planck, Gamma Gamma. J. N. COMPTON.

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#### PURDUE.

Gamma Omicron started the year in great style and is now well represented in campus activities.

In athletics we are represented by Finn on the varsity; Boyd, captain of the senior football team; Holden, Hodges and Counsell, on their respective teams. Hassenjahl was appointed major of the cadet corps; Haynes was elected to the gala week committee and *Insignia* board; Ross as issue editor of the *Exponent*; Tieman and Brenne, to the offices of assistant manager and secretary and treasurer of the Glee Club, respectively; while Vaile was elected president of the freshman class.

The social season was started with a dinner dance, given on October 10th by the chapter in honor of the pledges. At the Purdue-Indiana

game, and in observance of Founder's Day, we expect to entertain a number of the alumni and their wives with a house party.

Schuele, Baird, Pendleton and McCaslin paid us a visit at the Purdue-Western Reserve game.

With this representation in student affairs and a good chance for the scholarship trophy, Gamma Omicron looks forward to a prosperous year.

J. R. FINN.

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#### ADRIAN.

College opened this fall on September 9th. Alpha Mu bids fair for the coming year with ten brothers returning: Yoke, Soule, Catlin, Symonds, Rorick, Mohr, Jenkins, Wood, E. Rogge and C. Rogge. Clinton Rogge returned to us unexpectedly after finishing a very successful season with the Toronto club of the International League.

During the first two months the chapter entertained a number of times with informal parties to the new men, to which our resident alumni were welcomed. On the evening of October 26th a "pillow" party was given to the ladies. Covers were laid for twenty A. T. O.'s and ladies.

In athletics we are represented by having eight men on the football squad, six of the fellows holding regular positions. Earl Rogge is captain, having been elected over five other men.

Recent elections have brought our men to the front. Mohr is president of the Student Union and the junior class. Clinton Rogge is president of the senior class and the Student Control Board. Other members of this board are Catlin, E. Rogge and Batey. Soule is editor of the college paper and Yoke is first student member on the Athletic Board of Control.

We are glad to number among the recent visitors of the chapter, Province Chief F. R. Bott, W. S. Wert, '96, and Harry Michener, '00.

MERRILL E. SYMONDS.

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#### HILLSDALE.

The brightest pre-season hopes were more than realized in the present freshman class, which is the largest in the history of the school. From the abundance of good material presented we have selected eleven fine men as wearers of the button of Alpha Tau.

Our men are active in all of the college activities. Tarbell, Brooks, Lemons, Jackson, Thompson, Roberts, Crane and Chase are members of the varsity football squad. Harvey is captain of the football reserves. In the Glee Club we have Rosecrance as business manager, while Lev-erett, Eddy, Calkins, Thompson, Freeman and Corbett are also members. Pledge Eddy is leader of the college orchestra. He is also presi-

dent of the freshman class. Sawdey is president of the Amphietyon Literary Society. Reynolds has just been elected Hillsdale's student athletic director in the M. I. A. A.

Miller is president of the sophomore class. Rosecrance is business manager of the junior annual, and also of "The Woodhams Concert Series," which is presented annually by the musical department of the college. Our entire chapter history is now completed, and will soon be issued in book form. We owe much to Fish, '12, for his work in its completion.

Friendly inter-fraternity feeling was promoted by an informal reception at our house for the local chapter of Delta Tau Delta.

W. STUART HARVEY.

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### MICHIGAN.

Beta Lambda opened the year with twenty-two men back. We have already pledged seven men, so the early indications predict a very successful year. We shall not be able to initiate until the second semester, due to a new faculty ruling. This will postpone the initiation banquet until early in March.

Owen B. Winters and Rexford Brown of the alumni have paid us recent visits. We have also planned to receive a number of A. T. O.'s new to Michigan this year.

Carlson and Clift have made the Glee Club; Hicks is working on the membership committee of the Union; Clift was elected secretary of the junior law class; Leonard and Clift made Archons, the junior law society; Schoeffle, Godehn and Crawford have made Barristers, the senior law society; Carlson is playing on the sophomore engineer football team, and Lange was recently elected to the Commerce Club. Of the twenty-one national chapters on the campus, Beta Lambda stood second in the scholarship list for 1913-14.

JOHN P. CAFFEY

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### ALBION.

The year 1914-15 promises to be the best year in the history of the chapter, though only ten of the old men returned. At first, rushing was a little discouraging, as all the other fraternities had gotten back a week before enrollment day and so had several pledges. Nevertheless, we determined to follow our usual policy of "slow pledging" and believe we have been amply repaid, for we have now eleven pledge men of the best type of college material.

As usual we will, no doubt, have a good share of this year's athletic honors. Two of our new pledge men have made the football team: Sheets at quarter, and Fetting at end. Nine of our men, two of whom won their "A's" last year, will try out for baseball in the spring. All have excellent records. In addition, three of the men will try out for basketball and three for track.



To be elected to any of the department clubs here at Albion is considered a high honor. We have at present a representative in almost every club on the campus, as follows: Miller and Gildard, Chemistry Club; Youngs, Physics Club; Goodfellow, Contributors Club, and Edwards, Biology Club. Carl Tobias is a member of the Delta Phi Epsilon Fraternity. Edwards and Youngs are members of the "A" Club, an athletic society, membership to which is granted only to juniors and seniors who have won at least one "A" in each of two years.

So far this year we have received visits from Shearer, of Ann Arbor; Kirk, of Hillsdale; Church, of Mt. Clemens, and Bushaw, Culver and Weigman, of Albion. We wish all of the Taus and Tau pledges who possibly can get to Albion would look us up. We should be delighted to exchange a good old Tau grip with the actives and a warm handshake with the pledges.

H. GOODFELLOW.

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#### WISCONSIN.

With twenty-three men back this fall Gamma Tau has started on what promises to be a banner year. Our new house is being rushed to completion with all possible speed to make up for the time lost this summer because of a two months' carpenters' strike. The walls are up, the roof is nearly completed, and only the interior finishing stands between us and occupation. If all goes well we will move in by the first of March.

Five men were initiated this fall. Edward Peil, of Racine, and Noble Coe, of Minocqua, have returned after an absence of a few years. Guy Ramsdell, a pledge of a year ago, is with us again; also Alvin Kessler, former managing editor of the *Daily Cardinal*. He is now acting as graduate business manager of the *Cardinal* and instructor in the Department of Journalism.

The fraternities have reverted to the old system of fall rushing, and it has proved successful so far. We pledged six men and hope to double this number before long. Under the new rules freshmen cannot be initiated until their sophomore year. The opinion prevalent is that this long period will result in pledge lifting and hard feeling among the Greek-letter societies.

ARTHUR W. PRUSSING.

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#### PROVINCE III

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##### COLORADO.

Nine freshmen and one senior have been pledged to Gamma Lambda as the result of fall rushing, and will be initiated the second semester in accordance with the policy of the chapter. The freshmen are men who may be depended upon to uphold the honor of Alpha Tau Omega.

They are a representative collection, hailing from various parts of the state and country, and include men prominent in every branch of school activity.

Gamma Lambda covered herself with glory in fall athletics. Cy Ivers, Fred Walter and Kirk Huber starred on the varsity football team. Talbot and Cush lined up with the freshman eleven, and the university tennis championship was won by Richard Scott.

The house proposition has been taken up by the active chapter, and is being rushed through with the aid of the alumni. The best location in town is held by the building association and members of the fraternity hope to see a new house completed within the next year or two.

RICHARD M. SCOTT, JR.

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#### SIMPSON.

Beta Alpha resumed activities this fall with fourteen men ready to take up the new year's work. From the fall pledging we secured four new pledges. At least four of the fellows who found it impossible to return to school this fall will be back the second semester.

At the present time the football squad is taking up most of the attention. A. T. O. is ably represented on the team by seven men, including Captain Noble. Just what the season's success will be remains to be seen, but the prospects are good for winning at least a majority of the games.

Plans are being made for our annual fall stunt, and also for the Thanksgiving alumni feed. The only social event we have had so far this year was a reception for the girls of Mary Berry Hall. The entertainment was entirely informal and gave every one an opportunity to become better acquainted.

HOWARD WRIGHT.

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#### IOWA STATE.

The present writing finds Gamma Upsilon with thirteen active members and twelve pledges, making a prosperous state of affairs both in chapter number and finances.

In college activities Gamma Upsilon is doing her share. J. Raeder is at Waterloo, Iowa, on a corn judging team that was selected by keen competitive tryouts. Peterson has made the scrub football team and stands well in line for the varsity of next year. Hoyt is representing the horticulture department in landscape gardening at Des Moines. Arp is out for varsity basketball and will undoubtedly make the team. Christenson has been appointed the leading man in the sophomore play and is also trying for the gymnasium team. Blahney had a place cinched on the scrub football team, but unfortunately had his shoulder broken early in the game. Merriet has won his way to the semi-finals in the tennis tournament. Wood has been elected vice president of the Pan-Hellenic Council.

The chapter held a fireside party October 4th and the first dance of the season was held October 31st. Both of these stunts seemed to take well with every one concerned. Plans are now being formulated for a formal dance to come off December 19th. H. W. MCGAVREN.

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#### KANSAS.

Gamma Mu started her thirteenth year at the university this fall with twenty-two old men back. With this number to take part in rushing, and with the assistance of the alumni, we succeeded in pledging seven men. Lee Clark, of Winchester, Kansas, returned to school this fall after an absence of ten years.

We have given several parties this fall and our annual Hallowe'en party was a decided success.

The week end of November 20th and 21st will be a busy one for this chapter, because of the Kansas-Missouri football game to be played here on Saturday, November 21st. The university is planning a "home coming" at that time and Gamma Mu is making plans to entertain all her alumni and the visiting Taus from Gamma Rho. The annual Kansas-Missouri banquet will be held Friday night before the game for the visiting brothers and for all alumni. Saturday night a dancing party will be given in honor of the visitors.

A publication styled the *Gamma Mu Clarion*, is being printed and sent to all the old men, giving them the official program for the two days, news of the other men, what the chapter is doing and a cordial welcome to come back and join in the celebration. The "dope" points to a victory for Kansas, but it will be a good fight and a game worth coming to see.

Lloyd Bishop, who was on the pitching staff of the Cleveland Americans the past season, was a visitor here this month. "Bish" has signed a contract with the Portland club of the Pacific Coast League for next season.

GUY L. WALDO.

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#### MINNESOTA.

The "bright prospects" for Alpha Tau at Minnesota were materialized to a large extent this fall by the generosity of our loyal and energetic alumni, who redecorated the house within and without, making it, as has been remarked by others, "one of the neatest fraternity houses on the campus." The beauty of the house was further enhanced by the work of the many brothers, who returned early and threw the paint.

Although but ten active men returned this fall, the lack in numbers was made up in "pep" displayed by those who did return. The first six weeks of the rushing season resulted in the pledging of ten husky freshmen, largely laws and academics. By a recent ruling of the inter-



fraternity council, freshmen cannot be initiated until the second semester; therefore, this fall we will initiate but one man.

We cannot boast of three captains this year in athletics, but the work of Dunnel as advertising manager of the *Gopher*; Townley on the football team; Bettridge in the military department and *Gopher*; Cole on the business staff of the *Daily*, and the further activities of the bunch in various college affairs, makes up in a large degree our loss. The first house dance in some time was recently given, being such a success as to warrant more such affairs.

The chapter feels severely the absence of Connelly, who was dangerously ill this summer and at present is in the hospital for several operations. However, we expect him back for the second semester, together with Osbeck, now a potato king at home. We have received visits recently from Hill and Patton, of Illinois, and Hart, of Wisconsin, besides the frequent visits of our true city alumni. At this time we are anticipating the visit of our Province Chief, George B. Drake, in his annual tour of the chapters.

CHAS. W. COLE.

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#### MISSOURI.

Gamma Rho has just completed a most successful rushing season. Our rushing plans were completed during the summer, and everything went off with a snap and vim, and as a result ten of the most popular and solid freshmen have been pledged. We were aided very materially in our rushing by the return of several of our alumni. Viley came in direct from Paris. Leonard stopped off with us several days on his way to Harvard. We also received visits from Vahlkamp, Graves and DeVinna.

For some time we had been looking about for a suitable chaperone, but it was not until a month ago that we engaged Mrs. Elsie Dunphy, of Springfield, Missouri. Mrs. Dunphy is a lady fitted in every way to act as a chaperone and we are all very much attached to her. We gave a dinner party in her honor. It is our conclusion that a good chaperone can save a chapter many times the money it costs to have one. The influence which a lady in the house has upon a chapter is, in itself, ample return for any cost which may be required.

We lost by graduation last year, Martin, Viley, Woods and Leonard. Jones, who was on the faculty here last year, has returned to Harvard to take a Ph. D. degree. Moffett, Graves and Miner have gone into business and did not return this fall. We are pleased to have in school with us Pfeiffer, of the Illinois chapter; Beeler, of the Florida chapter, and Jacobs, of the Colorado chapter.

We are all making arrangements to attend the Congress at Nashville. Thomas S. Hudson has been selected as delegate, and George E. Garaffo as alternate. About fifteen active members and alumni will be

present. We have accepted the invitation of the Kansas chapter to their banquet the night before and to their dance the night after the annual Missouri-Kansas football game.

This bids fair to be a great year for Gamma Rho. We are harping strenuously on delinquents, that we may attain a standard even higher in scholarship than we have had in the past.

ARDRA B. ARMSTRONG.

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### NEBRASKA.

As a result of the most strenuous rushing season known at Nebraska, Gamma Theta pledged twelve freshmen.

D. P. Griswold, Joe Foreman, C. Trimble, Ralph E. Weaverling and Edward Underland visited the chapter house during rush week. Earl E. Mallory visited the chapter Sunday, October 18th. Burton S. Hill is back in school after being away from Nebraska for two years. He attended law school at Michigan in 1912 and 1913. B. M. Burbank, Carroll Brown, Al. C. Kennedy, E. S. Munson, Guy Coffee and Edward Underland visited the chapter and saw the Michigan Aggies defeated October 24th. Charles Blacklock (Simpson), member of the Omaha Alumni Association, visited the chapter October 24th, and witnessed the Michigan Aggie game.

According to the scholastic report for last semester which has just been published, Gamma Theta has risen four points more. Special emphasis is being given to scholarship and everything points to a still greater increase the present semester.

The fourteenth annual home-coming banquet was held Friday evening, November 13th, preceding the Kansas game, at the Lindell Hotel. A larger number of alumni were present than ever before, besides several of the brothers from Kansas.

MARTIN B. CHITTICK.

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### WYOMING.

Gamma Psi continues on her third year of existence with as envious a place in the school as ever. Since the opening of the university in September, we have pledged six men, all of whom are strong men and bid fair to make good A. T. O.'s.

We have given very few parties so far this year, but this can be partially explained by the fact that so many of our men are on the football team and, consequently, their time is pretty well taken up. At the beginning of the year we put on a smoker for the new men of the university. At the close of the football season, we expect to entertain our friends at a rather extensive party.

The chapter has seven letter men in football this year. They are N. Rogers (captain), Bennitt, Hitchcock, Davis, Irwin, Cobb and Wilcox. We have five more men on the squad who are not playing regularly.

Besides the A. S. U. W. elections which landed seven of our men in the highest school offices, we now have Irwin as business manager of the junior annual and Cobb as editor-in-chief of the same. We have three of the class presidents: Rogers of the seniors, E. Davis of the sophomores and David of the freshmen.

WILLIAM B. COBB.

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## PROVINCE IV

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### MAINE.

Beta Upsilon is now well started on what promises to be one of the most successful years of its existence. When college opened this fall we were fortunate in having back the largest nucleus that we have had in years and this enabled us to secure an extra good lot of pledges.

We have pledged six freshmen and one junior. They are all the best of A. T. O. material and we are looking forward to their becoming most loyal Alphas and university men. With the new members we have twenty-nine men living in the house and four others outside. The house ended last year with a small surplus and should do the same this year, besides making several improvements.

Beta Upsilon is doing well in college activities this fall. Baker is proving himself to be an able leader for the football team, while McCobb is making a strong bid for the backfield. Morris, '16, was recently elected treasurer of his class. Parshley, '17, was elected manager of his class track team and Libby, '18, of his class football team. Burke and Curtis are pledged to the "Masks," the junior society, while Parshley has been initiated into the Sophomore Owls. O'Rourke, '16, has been pledged to Alpha Chi Sigma, the honorary chemical society.

We are to have an initiation banquet on the night of the Bowdoin game and a large number of the alumni have already signified their intention of coming back at that time. We have had calls from several of our alumni this fall and hope that this habit will grow upon them.

FRED H. CURTIS.

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### COLBY.

The opening of the year finds Gamma Alpha in a flourishing condition. Thirty-three of the old men have returned, and we have pledged six freshmen, the pick of the class. On account of the size of our chapter we shall limit the initiates to about this number.

We are already beginning to capture our share of honors. We have three men on the football squad: Thompson, '15; Stanwood, '16, and Golden, '17; of whom Stanwood and Golden are varsity men. Waldron, '17, is on the cross-country team. Stanwood is also vice president of his class.



During the summer our house underwent considerable alterations. New floors were laid in all the rooms and our sleeping quarters were completely remodeled and new beds installed.

On the whole this seems to be the most auspicious year of any in our chapter's history.

We acknowledge visits from Tozier, '94; Walker, '08; Reynolds, '12; Hussey, '13; McMahon, ex-'15; Dyer, '98; Pottle, ex-'16, and Stanley, ex-'14.

FRED A. POTTLE.

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#### M. I. T.

On September 21st, one week before school opened, Beta Gamma started another year. We had sixteen men back to start us off. Our rushing went along in fine shape and we had five men pledged soon after school opened. These men have entered into the spirit of the fraternity and bid fair to represent us in institute activities. Milliken, one of the initiates, is manager of the freshman football team.

In the fall sports at the institute we are well included. Field Day, the annual struggle between the two lower classes, is a milestone in our school year. We have Bertlesen on the tug-of-war team, Farnsworth and Story on the football team, and Gardner managing relay for the sophomores, while Buxton is freshman football adviser. "Field Day Night" the brothers are all planning a big time, as the whole institute will go to see the "Passing Show of 1914" at the Shubert Theatre.

In the elections of the three upper classes that have just been held, Spear and Wood were elected to an office in the senior class. Farnsworth is the sophomore vice president. Marine and Gardner are in the musical clubs and are practically sure of a place. The clubs are planning to make an extended trip during the midyear vacation in February, taking in several places in New York State and in Southern New England. Sifton is vice president of the Electrical Engineering Society and Nelson heads one of the committees of this same organization.

Beta Gamma was favored during the stay of the Michigan delegation to the Harvard game by having three A. T. O. men stay at the house. We should like to have this practice kept up by all brothers who get to Boston. Several other brothers have visited us, among the more recent being Pike from Gamma Nu, Martin from Gamma Phi, Fairchild from Kansas and Vandervoort from Penn Tau. Vandervoort and Martin are planning to live in the house.

PAUL H. BUXTON.

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#### TUFTS.

We put in considerable preparation in rushing this year, writing prospective freshmen and keeping in touch with each other during the summer. Our extra work was well repaid, for we pledged a representative body of men, fifteen in all, and of this number, thirteen have already been initiated.

Internally our chapter is in excellent shape, our finances sound and our dining room overflowing (even the extra rushing accommodations are not always sufficient and we are forced to set two tables).

We forewent the annual house party this year, but shall continue our football banquet, talks by the professors, dance, initiation banquet, May 30th outing and the dansants of last year. Our "Alumni Night," which brought out a large delegation of alumni to the meeting and developed into a valuable exchange of ideas and get-together feeling, proved well worth while last year and we have already planned its repetition this December.

Our representation in college activities includes Bennett, '14; Thordike, '15, and Turner, '17, as varsity football men, with Burritt, '15, as manager. Five of the regular players on the freshman baseball team are A. T. O.'s, while in the recent track meet between the freshmen and sophomores our men won 28 points out of the total of 81. Rohrman, '18, has been elected captain of his class track team.

On the social side we have Burritt, '15, as class orator and toastmaster of the senior banquet, with Allen, '15, a member of the banquet committee. Leo Porter, '17, has been elected to the Sword and Shield, the honorary sophomore society, making three A. T. O.'s in this society of thirteen members. Jackson, '18, has been elected president of his class and VanDyke, '18, an affiliate from Maine Beta Upsilon, vice president.

Our efforts this year will be toward financial solidity, scholarship and alumni co-operation.

ARTHUR B. PORTER.

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#### WORCESTER.

The present school year opened with twenty-five men on Gamma Sigma's chapter roll. This includes G. W. Smith, ex-'14, and M. H. Tease, ex-'16, who returned as members of the classes of 1915 and 1917, respectively, after a year's absence. Hathaway entered Yale Sheffield this fall. Seven freshmen, one junior and one graduate student have been pledged, four of whom have been initiated.

Many honors have come to A. T. O. here this fall. Captain Stone, Dunbar, Shumway and M. Haselton are four of the best players on the varsity football eleven. In the athletic association election four of the eight directorships went to A. T. O.'s, Shumway being elected vice president, Darling secretary, Dunbar treasurer and Stone junior director. Frazee was elected cheer leader. Shumway is also a member of the Tech Council. Eight of the brothers were entered in the singles tennis tournament, and at this writing Tomblen has reached the finals, with the prospect of winning this. In the fall election to the *Tech News* staff, Pomeroy was elected athletic editor, while three freshmen are out for *News* work.

Davidson has been elected captain of the rifle team, and he and Darling are treasurer and secretary, respectively, of the Rifle Club. P. Haselton won the hammer throw in the inter-class track meet, and also took third place in the high jump and discus throw. Lawton was captain of the victorious sophomore rope-pull team, and Jordan is sophomore football manager. In the musical association Wood is a member of the quartet, Kennedy, Lawton and Wood are members of the Glee Club, and Tomblen is pianist for the Glee Club.

A very pretty house dance was held the evening of October 16th, attended by fifteen couples, and an afternoon dance was held on the following day when the football game with Holy Cross was canceled.

Visits have been received from Farnsworth, Gardner, Welsh, Lowe and Spear, of M. I. T., and Schofield, Torrey, Foley, Lancaster, Sargent, Crane and Cunningham, of our own chapter.

CLINTON S. DARLING.

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BROWN.

All our men returned to college after the summer vacation except Black, '17, who intends to work for a year. However, Wright, of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, affiliated with us, thus making our quota of men about the average. We started the rushing season with a great deal of energy, the alumni aiding us as never before, and although the freshmen whom we pledged at the sub-freshman banquet did not enter Brown this year, we all feel sure that when this year's delegation is complete, it will be up to Alpha Tau standards both in quantity and quality.

C. S. Phelps, of whom every member of the chapter has right to be proud, has been elected vice president of the senior class. Curtis, '16, is a member of the University Glee Club. Staples, '15, is on the Senior Liber Board and Curtis, '16, on the Junior Liber Board. Durbin, '16, is quarterback on the varsity football squad. Gladue, '17, one of our initiates, plays on the second team. We expect to hold our initiation banquet on December 5th at the Crown Hotel in Providence, and at the same time formal recognition will probably be made of the twentieth anniversary of the founding of Gamma Delta.

R. T. STAPLES.

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VERMONT.

With fifteen men back this fall Beta Zeta is looking forward to an interesting rushing season under the new inter-fraternity regulations. The house has had a thorough renovating and five rooms have been redecorated. Thanks to the generosity of our local alumni, the dining room has been splendidly equipped with new silverware, linen, dishes and other accessories. The fraternity has also refurnished two of the studies.



As usual the chapter is well represented in college activities. Bogie, '16, is manager and Bean, '16, assistant manager of the *Ariel*; French, '16, and Scott, '16, are on the Glee Club; Scott, '16, and Sanders, '17, are on the Student Council; Sanders is also out for track and assistant manager of football; Dodds, '17, is out for assistant manager of track; Churchill, '17, is on the class executive committee; Scott, '16, has made the tennis team.

The chapter has recently welcomed the following members of the alumni: Page, Bunker, Tupper, Jacobs, E. Donahue, J. Donahue, Dix, McMahon, Gilbert, Hagar, Lee, Jorden, Howe and Hanson. Hanson, who has recently returned from an eight years' sojourn in Egypt, expects to remain in the city for the next month to do some active work on the house proposition.

This year Beta Zeta has two new members on the faculty: Dix in the college of engineering and Donahue in the college of arts and sciences. Jacobs is also teaching after a year's leave of absence. A. T. O. at present has seven members on the faculty.

Beta Zeta expects to pledge the usual number of freshmen this year and is looking forward to a prosperous year. H. W. MOORE.

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## PROVINCE V

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### ST. LAWRENCE.

Twenty-one members of Alpha Omicron having returned to college this fall, our rushing season resulted in the pledging of seven freshmen and two sophomores. Already these men seem to have the proper spirit and have identified themselves as much as possible with the college activities. The initiatory dinner was held on November 6th at the chapter house.

Captain Hutchins' and Manager Cheritree's football team had a fairly successful season and Griswold, McGinnis, Griffin and Reynolds won their block "L's." Noble and F. Scribner were substitutes, and Loveless and Moore were assistant managers.

The improvements started on the house during the summer are being completed. The brothers are extremely thankful for the many changes which add to the beauty, comfort and convenience of the house.

The "St. Lawrence Gym Fund" movement, which had its inception in this chapter, is progressing with remarkable speed and will without doubt accomplish its purpose. Among the alumni of this chapter who attended the reception given to retiring President Gunnison on October 24th were: C. W. Appleton, H. M. Conkey, J. C. Dolan, C. W. Bird, R. G. Vilas, E. L. Hulett, R. D. Ford, B. S. Stevens, J. W. Benton, W. C. Priest and C. H. Gaines.

W. G. Kimball, J. H. Gannon and M. H. Jencks were recent guests of the chapter. H. S. SUTTON.

## CORNELL.

Beta Theta has begun upon a year which promises to be an exceptionally happy one for her. We opened with thirty old men back, and during the recent rushing took in twelve freshmen, who, from all indications, bid fair to be excellent men. On account of the probability of second-term rushing next year, we needed a large and strong class this year, and we feel confident that the one just taken in is going to come up to the Alpha Tau standard in every way, and be a great help in maintaining our pre-eminence here at Cornell.

We are being very well represented in activities on the Hill by nearly every man in the house. The freshmen are showing up very well in this way, as Miller and Masson are playing regularly on the freshman football team. Watt, who holds the Hawaiian record for the mile, is out for track, and Hubbell is on the Sibley soccer team. Long has started out for the Sun competition, and Woodruff has made the Mandolin Club and orchestra. Since the last letter Keating has been awarded his "C" for baseball, and Keating, Jandorf and White have made Senior Society. Sanborne has won his track competition and made Junior Society. Staunton has been appointed associate editor of the *Cornell Architect*, and assistant artistic editor of *Cornell Annuals*, and made L'Ogive, the architectural society. In competitions Wygant is out for baseball managership, Hall for musical clubs, and Lane and Ford for minor sports. Kleinert and Byrne are making good at football, and Thomas has a position on the soccer team.

We have had several visits from alumni lately and are always glad to see them come around.

We affiliated two men this year: Culbertson from Ohio Beta Omega, and Holmen from Tennessee Omega.

Our alumni reunion was held October 30th and 31st, when we had some fifty old men back for the week end and had a royal good time. We gave an informal house party November 6th to 8th and held an initiation banquet on November 14th.

H. C. KELLERAN.

## MUHLENBERG.

As Alpha Iota is under freshman rushing regulations, a report of our activities along this line will be impossible at this time. We can say, however, that the caliber of the freshman class is very good and that we feel confident we will give a good account of ourselves in the next letter.

This year the Taus are a big factor on the football team. Caskey is playing halfback; Reisner, quarter; Hayes, end, and Ritter, guard. Laudenslager and Hollenbach are among the first string substitutes. Ritter is also basketball captain for the coming season.

At the recent elections Afflerbach, Fry and Laudenslager were chosen as the successors of the football, basketball and track managerships, respectively. In the Glee Club, D. Marks is leader, Reisner vice president, Freihofer business manager and Schoenly his assistant. Professor Marks, '07, is the permanent director. Laury, Hummel and Keck are also members of the club. Stolzenbach is president of the Student Council. Miller is head song and cheer leader. Fry and Laury are on the staff of the *Muhlenberg Weekly*.

On Monday, October 12th, the chapter commemorated Founder's Day by holding a banquet at the Hotel Allen. Professor Reese was toastmaster. Representatives were present from Alpha Rho and Pennsylvania Tau. The whole affair proved unusually enjoyable.

We have been glad to receive visits from the following brothers: Klingler, ex-'13; Raby (Pennsylvania Alpha Upsilon); Smith, '11; Fry, '14; Myres (Pennsylvania Alpha Upsilon); Schlegel, '13; R. Raker, ex-'16; Steele (Virginia Beta); Unangst, '14; C. Raker, '13; Reno, ex-'13, and Cook, '14.

C. LUTHER FRY.

#### WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

Alpha Pi began the school year with the brightest prospects we have had for many years. The freshman class is one of the largest that ever entered Washington and Jefferson College. It also contains an exceptionally good bunch of fraternity material.

All our old men are back, except Ward, who has left school to take up journalism. Ward having been a very popular man, both in the fraternity and in college activities, will be missed greatly.

We held one initiation in October, and now have seven freshmen pledged and a line on several more. All of our pledges are doing well in their scholastic work, not one of them having an average less than 80 per cent. Apparently we will have no trouble with men dropping out of school on account of scholastic deficiencies.

On account of the fraternity men making better grades last year than the non-fraternity men, and because the men living in fraternity houses ranked higher in scholastic standing than the students in general, the faculty has modified the rule that no freshman be permitted to room in a fraternity house. Consequently by special permission from the faculty, freshmen may room in the house. We expect three or four in the house after the preliminary examinations, in November.

From all appearances Alpha Pi is going to boom this year. We feel that we owe a great deal to the strong support rendered us by the Pittsburgh Alumni Association, and desire to express our appreciation of the same.

T. E. McMILLAN.



## LEHIGH.

The fall term opened with all of the old men of Alpha Rho back again. The number was apparently small, but nevertheless every one was energetic. Through the untiring efforts of the brothers, the chapter roll was greatly increased. We have succeeded in securing nine pledges and six of these pledges have already been initiated.

In the phase of athletics we have Cahall and Delaney on the football team and Steacy is out for the assistant managership of football. Cahall is athletic representative of the junior class and Delaney holds the same position in the sophomore class.

Ainey and Blank made Sword and Crescent. Wells made Kappa Beta Phi and Delaney made the Sophomore Cotillion and Scimitar Clubs. Custer reported as a candidate for the rifle team. Staats, a new initiate, was elected secretary of the freshman class and Richards, also a new initiate, was elected treasurer of the freshman class.

During the past several months we have enjoyed visits from Ainey, Hart, Smith, Fry, Gohl, Parker and Afflerbach.

GRANVILLE Y. CUSTER.

## GETTYSBURG.

Alpha Upsilon started the new year with ten active men and pledges Hall and Leamy from last year. The chapter succeeded in pledging eight more of the most promising men in the freshman class, making in all an active chapter of nineteen. The prospects for a successful year are better than they have been for many years.

J. C. McCollough, '18, is a member of the Glee Club and Glunt, '18, is the pianist for the college orchestra. Carlson, '17, and McCollough, '18, have been chosen members of the debating teams of their respective classes.

In athletics A. T. O. is very active, being represented on the varsity football squad by Captain Scheffer, Mahaffie, Hall, C. B. McCollough, Hatch and Earley, all the men doing fine work. Leamy, '18, is athletic trainer. Mahaffie has been elected captain of the basketball and baseball teams for the coming year, thus bringing the captaincies of the three major sports to A. T. O. Scheffer and Mahaffie have the distinction of having earned their "G" in three sports.

The chapter entertained at their annual opening dance in honor of the new brothers and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A very informal dance and card party was held Hallowe'en and the decorations and eats were in keeping with the occasion.

Workingmen began on October 26th to raze the old walls and to excavate for new ones, and the prospects for a new house by next commencement are very bright. The new house will be modern in every respect, the most pretentious at Gettysburg and will be truly a memorial to A. T. O.

The chapter enjoyed visits recently from alumni Rinard, Phillippi, Lang, Hartman, Bender, Leathers, Hummel, P. F. Bloomhardt, Trimmer, S. I. Bloomhardt and Stock.

A. R. CARLSON.

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#### PENN STATE.

Gamma Omega opened this college year with twenty old members back, and now have six new men initiated and two more pledged.

In college activities we have Pickett as member of the Student Council and business manager of the *Penn State Farmer*. McConeghy is on the *Student Tribunal*. Strickler has been elected to Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi, and plays in the college band and orchestra. McMain is in the band and Glee Club. Among the recently initiated men is Professor Albert, of the mechanics department, a graduate of Lafayette.

In athletics the chapter has Lamb, '15, who seems to be the main attraction of the football team. Out of the first four games Lamb scored 37 of the 79 points gained. Recently by vote of the student body he was declared the most popular athlete in college. Lewis, '17, is on the cross-country and track squads, and trying out for lacrosse. Fair, '17, is on the varsity football squad. Easby, '16, is assistant manager of the varsity soccer team, and also on the squad. Enoch, one of the pledges, has qualified for the track squad.

In the line of social activities Gamma Omega held its customary house party on Pennsylvania Day, November 13th, the affair lasting from Thursday to Monday.

Among the brothers who have visited the chapter house so far this year are: Ritter, Reisner, Sheffer, Mahaffie, Gohl, McCullough, Humphries, Rankin, Sumner, Niebling, Clapp and Campbell.

G. A. MCWREATH.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA.

Football being the major undergraduate activity at this time, Penn Tau has been wide awake and is, as usual, well represented on both the varsity and scrub squad.

Sophomore Narwold is the varsity center and is sure of his position from now on, while Jones is also of varsity caliber. Berry, formerly a Muhlenburg star, is ineligible for the varsity, but captains the scrub team, which also includes Clarke, Taber, Jenne and Barrett.

Affiliate Haynes is a candidate for assistant manager of crew; Joy and Diehl are working daily for assistant manager of track. Williams is trying out for the wrestling team.

For class offices, Green has been elected president of the junior architectural class and Narwold is a nominee for the sophomore presidency.

After the Thanksgiving game with Cornell, the chapter will hold a tea, followed in the evening by a theatre party. The annual dance will be postponed until spring.

We regret the loss to Penn Tau of Vandervoort, who is now completing his dental work at Tufts.

During the first few months of school we have enjoyed visits from Churchill, Caldwell, Schwartz, Bates, Stewart, Snyder, Corey, Smith, Correy, Taber, Diehl, Clauser, Williamson, Gill and Niebling.

J. P. REPLOGLE.

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## PROVINCE VI

### NORTH CAROLINA.

Alpha Delta began the session with six old men. This number was augmented at initiation time when four new men were taken in. We also had the pleasure of initiating Prof. R. L. James. He is one of the young men on the faculty. We deemed ourselves especially fortunate in getting him for Alpha Tau.

We have also been honored this year with visits from Burgwyn and Broadfoot. We are always glad to welcome our old brothers to the "Hill."

The chapter is well represented this year so far as honors go. Lewis is president of the junior class and a member of Sigma Upsilon, which is a literary organization. Black is assistant manager in baseball. Lilly is a Gimghoul and captain of the varsity gym team. Prichett is manager of the Glee Club and a member of the Golden Fleece.

Alpha Delta begins the new session with the greatest hopes, believing that the remaining part of the year 1914 will be most profitable.

HOKE BLACK.

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### TRINITY.

North Carolina Xi returned eight men to college in September and with these old men as a nucleus, we are prepared to make this a banner year in the history of our chapter at Trinity. Our chapter holds more than her share of the college honors, being well represented in every phase of college activity. In athletics we have two captains and a manager. The college publications, with a single exception, are edited by A. T. O.'s. We have initiated three men.

Arendell is a member of the *Chronicle* staff and a candidate for the "9019," an honor society corresponding to Phi Beta Kappa. Stamey holds a variety of offices in college.

Owing to a recent ruling of the Pan-Hellenic Council in regard to the rushing of freshmen we are unable to give any information in regard to our prospects, but we feel sure of landing our share of the best.

G. M. CARVER.



## CHARLESTON.

Beta Xi has begun the 1914-15 session with nine men back and with an enthusiasm which bids fair to make this a record year. Immediately following a general housecleaning on opening day, there began a vigorous rushing, as a result of which we have initiated three new men and pledged one man, four of the most sought after freshmen at college.

The chapter is well represented in all elements of college life. Principal among these representatives are: Pinckney and Waring, presidents of the sophomore and freshman classes; Lebby and White, vice president and executive committeeman of the German Club; Pinckney and Rivers, captains of the basketball and track teams; Rivers, manager of the basketball team, and Stoney, secretary and treasurer of the Athletic Association.

Places in the basketball and track teams are being strongly contended for. Pinckney and Rivers are varsity men on the former and Edens is certain of a place. In track, men of promise are: Rivers, Pinckney, Moore, Stoney, Edens, Waring, Lebby, Jennings and White.

Several brothers are looking forward to attending the Nashville Congress. During the past month we had with us visiting alumni Martin (Pennsylvania Tau), Hyde (Virginia Beta), Sparkman (Sewanee) and Taylor (Virginia Beta).

THOS. D. LEBBY, JR.

## WASHINGTON AND LEE.

From the largest freshman class in years, Virginia Beta corralled eight pledges, losing but one invitation. Eight returned to occupy the new fraternity house, which was secured last year.

In college activities Virginia Beta is strongly represented. J. B. Wadsworth was elected leader of the sophomore cotillion. H. E. Ulmer was elected secretary-treasurer of the senior law class, while R. A. Lewis was elected historian of the juniors. The *Ring-tum Phi*, the college weekly, is edited by Lewis, with B. F. Woodruff as assignment editor. On the annual, Woodruff will aid in the athletic section.

In the Ribbon Society elections, a number of men received bids. P. C. Buford, B. F. Woodruff, J. B. Wadsworth and H. K. Young accepted invitations to the White Friars, while J. B. Gladney joined the P. A. N. Wadsworth was elected a member of the Cotillion Club.

Washington and Lee's football team, which at this writing has not been scored on, has won the first five games by overwhelming scores. "Cy" Young, at left halfback, has been the star of the season. Against Georgetown he ran 69 yards for a touchdown. Wadsworth, as usual, is serving in the capacity of scrub end. Woodruff is sophomore assistant manager of the team.

With an Olympic coach, track is being boosted. Dean and Gladney and Pledges Stewart, Crocheron and Beall are on the squad.

PAUL C. BUFORD, JR.

## VIRGINIA.

The opening of college in September found Virginia Delta with sixteen of last year's men back; six, namely, W. R. Cooke, H. Benet, C. A. Davidson, J. L. Tye, F. B. Tucker and J. D. Owens, failing to return.

These gaps, however, are filled by the addition to our number of W. M. White, Jr., of Texas Gamma Eta, and W. A. Maxey, of Alabama Beta Beta, and four initiates.

The initiation and attendant soiree were held on the night of Saturday, October 17th.

W. R. Abbott was recently elected to the Skull and Keys Society and D. T. Bolling to the Lambda Pi Society.

E. L. Fletcher, of Richmond, paid us a visit during the latter part of September and gave encouraging news as to the chances of raising the funds to build a chapter house. On the occasion of the Virginia-Georgia game we had with us the following alumni members of the chapter: C. A. Davidson, F. B. Tucker, W. R. Cooke, James Hamner, Ran Tucker and Lawrence Tucker. Hugh Benet is spending a few days here.

CHARLES HENDERSON.

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 PROVINCE VII

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 MOUNT UNION.

It will be of interest to the alumni of Alpha Nu to know that the chapter house is now located at 66 East College Street, Alliance, Ohio. The new home is much superior to the old in size and arrangement. The table is located in the house as before.

Fifteen active men reported at the beginning of school. Unger and Bradshaw have entered the medical school of Western Reserve University; Lee has gone to the University of Pittsburgh, and Pledge McClure has entered Carnegie Tech. At the end of rushing season, ten Alpha Tau pledges were secured.

Alpha Nu has the largest place in school activities that she has held for many years. We have Thorpe, McClean, Stauffer and Morgan on the varsity football team. Five other Alpha Taus are showing up well on the scrub team. Among the pledges, Nycamp, Andler, Wall, Windle and Cooper are making good on the freshman squad. Stout is business manager of the *Unionian*, Bowles is cartoonist and Woods is assistant editor. Thorpe is junior president, and Morgan has the response to the mantle oration at commencement. Fletcher won the \$50 intercollegiate temperance essay prize.

Many of the alumni have visited the chapter house recently. We have been glad to welcome Johns, Wycoff, Beard, Whinnery, Allott, Tombaugh, King and Bowman. We extend a cordial invitation to all brothers to visit the new house at any time.

RAYMOND FLETCHER.

## WITTENBERG.

Alpha Psi has entered a new school year which promises to be one of the most successful in her history. We started the rushing season with eleven men back in school. Overflowing with ginger and "pep" we made things hum, as results show. Our efforts were rewarded with sixteen pledges, the pick of the freshman class. Lacking one we have as many pledges as all the other fraternities combined.

Concerning the freshmen, Kuns, Ketch and Shook made the Glee Club. Netts, Nehls, Shearer and Horner made the freshman football team.

We have Moler, Betchtel and Dunmire on the varsity this year. All are playing star football. Cory was re-elected cheer leader by the student body.

Alpha Psi still controls the *Wittenberger* with Professor McKinney as general manager and Cory as advertising manager.

On September 14th we entertained with a chicken dinner and a smoker. On the 15th we gathered for another smoker and on the 16th entertained the freshmen with a theatre party, at which about thirty were present.

On October 21st Dr. Thomas Phillips entertained the chapter, at his home, with a welsh rarebit party.

Among the brothers from whom we have received visits are Beach, Shearer, Woodard, Dolbeer, Schmidt, Neer, Crouse, George Little, Russell Little, I. B. Amick and Funderberg. J. VIRGIL CORY.

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## OHIO WESLEYAN.

A month and a half of the present college year has already rolled by and Beta Eta, with a small select number of eighteen, finds herself securely established and already looking forward to another prosperous year.

The scholarship committee this year has been making strenuous efforts to raise our scholastic standing to the top rank among the other fraternities. The committee has tendered a very favorable report and it seems that a high standing is already assured us.

Again, we are well represented in athletics: J. H. Kapp, Ray and Battenfield are on the varsity football squad. Fair, Black and C. C. Kapp are on the freshman team; Reid, Kapp and Wiggins, who expects to return the second semester, will represent us in indoor track; Battenfield will undoubtedly make the basketball team.

We held our first big social event of the year in the form of a Hallowe'en party. The house was daintily decorated in Hallowe'en colors. A six-course dinner was served, during which an orchestra added to the life and gayety of the occasion.

Again this year we have been holding our Friday night smokers.



On October 10th we entertained practically the whole of Beta Omega chapter at one of these informal smokers.

Thus far during the year we have received visits from Lingo, Brown, Winemiller, Hyer, Boone, Cole, Lehigh, Wiggins, R. W. Parks, McRae, Church and Shumaker.

GLENN D. MITCHELL.

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#### OHIO STATE.

With twenty-two active men and eight affiliates to start the school year, with additional faculty members located at the university, and with the greatest number of members into the various student activities in years, Beta Omega finds itself in the superlative of prosperity. Football, music, track, cross-country, journalism, leaders in societies and clubs, as well as specific positions, such as cheer leader, are this year claiming the brothers for service as never before. There is a spirit of activity about the remodeled chapter house that exceeds anything of the sort in the recollection of the oldest members.

In football, the newspaper reports spread throughout the Central West have spoken well of Howard and Silsby, two regulars who have been doing spectacular work in the Western Conference. Howard at half and Silsby at end have already won their "O's," with the season hardly begun. Both of these boys are sophomores with two more years to play. In basketball we expect to have three or four men on the squad, judging from the performances last year. In the other forms of athletic sports, our chapter will be well represented.

The editorship of the *Daily Lantern*, the official student newspaper, several of the leading positions in the Y. M. C. A. work, men on the Glee Club and on all sorts of student organizations, including the honorary societies, are held by members of the chapter.

A dance was given October 23d at Parsons Hall, at which thirty couple attended, including the following alumni of the chapter: Otto H. Spengler, Carl H. Young, Clell Solether, Harry Strong, George Gundlock, Walter Battenfield, Eulas Perkins, Guy Bishop.

Interspersed with dinner parties, stags, receptions at the time of football games and other events, and other activities which we have never before attempted on the same scale, has been a co-operation and co-working with the Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg chapters. Their cordial invitations and hearty welcome to the men who have accepted have won for each of them a place in each of our hearts. We also have to thank the chapter at Western Reserve for their friendly attitude and their reception to the members of our chapter who took advantage of their hospitality at the Case football game.

It has been our pleasure to welcome a greater number of men from other chapters this year than ever before and we want all members of the fraternity who happen to be in Columbus to look up Beta Omega and meet the fellows who want to meet them.

PAUL EDWARDS.

## WESTERN RESERVE.

Gamma Kappa started the new year with twenty-three active men back in school and with prospects for the biggest year ever. The results of the rushing season and of the class elections early in October seemed to bear out the prediction, for six unusually good freshmen were pledged and in the elections Parrish, '15, was elected president of the senior class; Meermans, '15, treasurer of the senior class; Griffith, '16, vice president of the junior class, and C. L. Erb, '18, president of the freshman class. In addition to these, four Alpha Taus were chosen members of the Student Council, the student governing body. These men were Parrish, '15; Sunderland, '16; Pentland, '17, and Erb, '18.

Griffith, '16, has been elected leader of the University Mandolin Club. Young, '17, and Carlson, '17, are also members of the Mandolin Club, while the chapter is represented on the Glee Club by Baird, '16; Sunderland, '16, and Hahn, '18.

Schuele, '16, and McConnell, '17, are playing quarterback and left halfback, respectively, on the Reserve football team, while Baird, '16, and Pentland, '17, are also with the squad.

Sunderland, '16, is assistant editor of the *Reserve Weekly*, Addison Smith, '18, being one of the reporters competing for membership on the board.

The first of the year's social events was a dance held Tuesday evening, October 27th, in honor of the pledge men. Saturday evening, October 31st, the chapter held its annual Hallowe'en party at the chapter house. Among the guests at the dance were Province Chief and Mrs. J. Paul Thompson.

The chapter has been honored of late by visits from a number of A. T. O.'s from Ohio chapters, notably several members of the Mount Union chapter and Mitchell, Vogler and Graham, of Ohio Wesleyan. Pauline, of Brown, also visited the chapter a short time ago.

M. B. SUNDERLAND.

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PROVINCE VIII

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KENTUCKY.

The first rush of greetings, adjustments and pledging being ended, Mu Iota has settled into the stride. We have leased the same house for the ensuing year and have made several material improvements thereupon. Ten active men returned and we are fortunate in having Dabney, La Master and Nollau, of our recent graduates, with us.

The chapter has nine promising candidates and we have prospects of pledging three others in the near future. The chapter as a whole is in splendid condition and we anticipate a banner year. Among our younger men are many from whom much may be expected in scholar-

ship, athletics and other student activities. Prominent in the precognition of the coming year is the Congress. We are unusually fortunate in our proximity to the seat of two succeeding Congresses. Many of us will be able to attend two sessions in four years, a privilege much cherished. Every member of the active chapter and a goodly number of our alumni have indicated their intention of being present at Nashville.

May we add a word of appreciation and commendation for the new accounting system, the paraphernalia of which is at hand. The chapter's financial condition is at present all that could be desired and the new system will aid materially in maintaining that standard.

W. O. BRUNING.

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#### SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN.

Alpha Tau has just finished its rushing season, and has pledged and initiated three excellent men. The alumni in the city turned out to help in the initiation. The prospects for the chapter are good this year. All the brothers are working with the true Alpha Tau spirit, endeavoring to make the chapter this year one of the best. As a fraternity we have won the esteem and the co-operation of the faculty, as well as the town people, therefore we must work hard to hold the prestige that has been established.

Since the change of presidency, the institution is making rapid strides and advancing with marvelous rapidity. The enrollment has been almost doubled, and President Dobyns has promised to triple it next year. The outlook is exceedingly bright for all concerned.

Alpha Tau has the peculiar distinction of being represented in the cabinet, Thomas W. Gregory, one of our members, being the Attorney General. Michael Savage, one of the Assistant Attorney Generals, is also an initiate of Alpha Tau.

The chapter is laying plans for the coming Congress which will be held in Nashville. Eight of the brothers have decided to avail themselves of the opportunity of attending a Congress. We are sure these representatives can boost things for S. P. U. as well as Alpha Tau.

Meet us in Nashville, and boost the Congress.

A. BOSCH.

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#### VANDERBILT.

Beta Pi opened the season with eighteen returns. Three of these, Shannon, Davidson and R. E. Wilson, were former students who resumed their work at Vanderbilt this year. In the most strenuous, as well as the most successful, spiking season in our history, we pledged sixteen of the most sought-after freshmen in school. We lost only one man.

Alpha Tau stood first in scholarship the past season, winning the scholarship cup by two points over the Sigma Chi, our nearest com-



petitors. We also got our share of the class offices in the recent elections. Elliott was elected to represent the senior class on the *Commodore*, our annual. Young was elected to the honor committee of the senior class; Robison, honor committee of the junior class; Thompson, *Commodore* representative of the sophomore class; Warner, president of the freshman pharmacy class, and Zimmerman, secretary and treasurer of the senior law class. Elliott is in the *Commodore* Club, our senior society, and Gill and Robison in the Owl Club, our junior society. Young was president of the Y. M. C. A., but resigned to accept the more important position of student secretary. He is also vice president of the Vanderbilt Union, and assistant cheer leader. Thompson and Seawright are on the Glee Club; Ellis and Thompson on the Dramatic Club; Robison, president of the Dialectic Debating Society; Ragsdale, secretary and treasurer of the Vanderbilt Union, and Seawright, cheer leader of the medical department. We are represented on the varsity by Reams and Carmon; on the scrubs by D. Y. Moore, Davidson and Rooks. The above will show that Beta Pi is more than holding her own in all branches of student activities.

We lost seven men by graduation: Miller, Joe Nelson, Parks, Rives, Sims, Daly Thompson and T. C. Chapman. Rives has entered the medical department of Tulane University. Callis and Morrison have dropped out to teach awhile, and Smith and Porter have gone into business. Sherrod has entered the University of Mississippi, and Dunham the University of Texas.

During the rushing season we had the pleasure of a visit from Ossman, of Sewanee. In October M. S. Erdman, W. G. K. E., honored us with a visit. A dinner was given at the Tulane Hotel in his honor by the alumni and active chapter. The talk was mostly about the coming Congress, and everybody was most enthusiastic over the prospects. We have planned a dance for November 7th, in honor of Captain Kelly and other Alpha Taus on the Tennessee football team.

We have just moved into a beautiful new home, and will be well prepared to entertain the visiting brothers during the Congress. We are working day and night to make this the biggest and best Congress ever held, and we want every Alpha Tau in the land to be with us when the Congress opens.

W. A. ZIMMERMAN.

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#### UNION.

The very promising outlook which Beta Tau entertained during the early summer months of returning all, or practically all the active chapter fell far short of realization at the opening of school in September. And while we returned only four men out of a possible ten, this fact did not daunt our Alpha Tau Omega spirit in the least; but increased it and prompted us to greater efforts.

We experienced little trouble pledging our choice during the rushing season. Five pledges crown our efforts, the cream of 1914 material. We are expecting much of these future Alpha Taus by reason of the way they are already distinguishing themselves in the various phases of college activities.

Beta Tau, as usual, is reaping its share of honors. Koffman and Savage were recently elected to membership in the Nestor Club, giving us four representatives in this organization. Morris is at present president of the club. Shoaf was honored with the managership of the football team to fill out the unexpired term of "Cy" Young, manager-elect, who did not return this fall. On the varsity we are represented by Shoaf and a pledge, who are playing guard and end, respectively. Savage is managing editor and Koffman assistant business manager of *Cardinal and Cream*, our university weekly. An active man and pledge are on the editorial staff of this paper. Speaking from any angle, Beta Tau has received its just proportion of honors at Union this year.

We are anxiously awaiting the opening of Congress at Nashville. Every member of the chapter is planning to go.

Since September we have been visited by Dooley, Guy Powers, Phelps, and Pope, of Tennessee Pi, and had at meetings Gest, Henderson, Lusk, Withers and Cooper, alumni of this chapter, and Dannelly, of Alabama Beta Beta. Dannelly is a very enthusiastic A. T. O. These brothers received our most hearty welcome.

While our number is small our hopes are large. We anticipate and trust that there is in store for Beta Tau a most successful year.

W. A. SHOAF.

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### SEWANEE.

Tennessee Omega lost three men last June by graduation: Bratton, Bull and Ward. Of the rest of the chapter all but three returned. Holmen has entered Cornell University, and Steel and Fuqua are working this winter. Spiking day has resulted in seven initiates, along with one affiliate, Bethea, from Alabama Beta Delta, making in all a chapter of twenty, the largest it has been for several years.

Scott is playing a good game on the varsity football team at center, and Ellerbe is making a reputation for himself at half. Ossman and Reynolds are playing on the second team.

Largely through the efforts of Hinman, the Sewanee Literary Society, of which he is president, is taking on new life, and is again one of the main features among student activities. Hinman, Hodge and H. Morris represent A. T. O. in the Glee Club.

The prospects are bright for Tennessee Omega in maintaining the reputation she attained in scholarship last year.

H. B. MORRIS.

## TENNESSEE.

The year of 1914-15 opened with twelve old men on the ground, eager and ready to take up and carry forward the interests of Tennessee Pi. Besides the men lost last year by graduation, five brothers failed to return. However, this number has been increased by two, which gives us a good-sized bunch with which to begin the new year. Howell Long, of Tennessee Beta Tau, has affiliated with the chapter, and one man was initiated at the beginning of the year.

The rushing season is about over. Our efforts have been well rewarded in that we have not so far lost a bid and have eight good men pledged.

We opened the year socially with an informal dance on Saturday evening, October 24th, the date of the Alabama football game. The occasion was very much enjoyed and was a success from every point of view. We were sorry that the A. T. O.'s on the Alabama team could not remain over for the evening.

In the field of athletics we are more than holding our own. Captain Kelly, Quarterback May and Halfback Cameron are all playing great ball this year. On the event of the Alabama game all three received many favorable comments in the daily press and were mentioned as being big factors in winning the game.

There is much interest being manifested in the Fraternity scholarship cup this year. All A. T. O.'s are bestirring themselves that we may hold the cup which we gained possession of last year.

The Knoxville Alumni Association, which was granted a charter last spring, is showing results at this early date. More interest is being shown in the active chapter by them, as is evidenced by their frequent calls, and some have been attending chapter meetings.

All in all, present indications point to a most successful year for our chapter.

A. P. WHITAKER.

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PROVINCE IX

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STANFORD.

Beta Psi comes to the end of the fall term of college with a satisfying record and flourishing prospects of future achievements. College activities in all branches have received attention from the chapter. Football has occupied the attention of the university during the fall months, and among those chosen to represent Stanford in its annual big rugby game against the University of California was Otto Lachmund, of Beta Psi. Ford, Myer and Siefert joined the rugby squad this year, and though not so successful as Lachmund, they give promise in the future.

Burks, a freshman, is at present out for cross-country, and will report for track work in the spring. Also on the track will be Otto and Harry Lachmund in the jumps; Dykes, who has won high school honors at the



high jump; Field, who hopes to be one of Stanford's two-milers this year; Nagel in the quarter mile; Hastings in the pole vault, and Christensen in the broad jump. Crew work will find Ross Sine candidate for freshman coxswain; Herman, Speed and Ford in the shells. Sine is also one of the golf enthusiasts of the university.

In activities other than athletics the brothers have been prominent, Clute, Stearn, Burks and Ford being members of the Mandolin Club, while Dunlap has made the College Glee Club and the university quartet. Clute is an assistant in the English department of the university. Coberly and Meyers are now members of the Society of Mechanical Engineers and Dunlap was recently elected a member of the Geology and Mining Society of American Universities. Joe Stearn recently appeared in the college play, "Routing Razmataz."

Seven new men joined the Stanford chapter this year, and we also have one pledge for the coming year. The new men were welcomed by an informal dance at the beginning of the semester and we have since had another one.

We congratulate our sister chapter, Gamma Iota, on her new home.

O. C. FIELD.

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### CALIFORNIA.

Now that the rushing season is over and we have settled down to the routine of college work, we are in a position to judge of our success in getting a good freshman class. From all appearances there isn't one out of the thirty-four fraternities on the campus that can show a better bunch of freshmen than A. T. O. Of the 1918 class, Day and Nelson are out for crew. The former is making good at stroke, and the latter practically has his place assured as coxswain. Cosby is on the staff of the *Daily Californian*, and Langhorne and Dunbar took part in the English Club's production of "Much Ado About Nothing." We also have two pledges who are already active in college life.

Parker and Harton are out for football. Rocca has just been initiated into Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society. Easton is on the sophomore hop committee. Dunbar has just been elected to the Glee Club and McVey to the Architectural Association, Newell is a member of the executive and rally committees. Harton is general chairman of the sophomore inter-fraternity dance.

We are glad to welcome Kew on his return to us. Kew started for the University of Munich this summer to continue his work for a doctor's degree, but the war prevented him from getting any further than London.

It is also good to learn that another A. T. O. has just accepted a position on the faculty. Dr. Walter P. Kelley, of Kentucky Mu Iota, and an affiliate of this chapter, has been appointed professor of agricultural

chemistry for the university. We are also glad to welcome Howard Fisher, of Michigan Beta Lambda, as an affiliate.

The house has recently acquired two cub bears for mascots, which, needless to say, have caused somewhat of a sensation on the campus. The chapter has been quite active socially of late. An alumni reunion was held on September 12th and a dance on September 26th, at which Beta Psi helped us to entertain. In addition, we have entertained three sororities at informal dances.

WM. S. RAINEY.

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### OREGON.

Gamma Phi began work this fall with twenty-six men, sixteen old men and ten pledges. Dick Nelson, '17, who was scheduled for the position of center on the varsity football team, had to leave school after the first month, but will return in February.

Our annual alumni banquet, held in Portland before college opened, proved a success, about fifty men being present. Since school work started we have had one dance, an informal affair held at the local country club, which is a short distance out of the city. The dance was so well liked by the women present that plans are being made for another affair soon. Then later a formal is planned.

Dr. John Landsbury, Simpson, is one of the faculty members this fall and drops in frequently to give the boys a hearty greeting. Doctor Straub, dean of men in the university, our other faculty member, is taking active part in getting things started around the house.

Our men are nearly all active in student body activities. John Welch, '15, is baseball captain for the year. Kent Wilson, '18, one of our new men, is freshman president. Fred Dunbar has been elected to Sigma Delta Chi, the national journalistic fraternity, to which another man or two in the house already belongs. Peter Crockatt, '15, who is rated as the best debater in college, belongs to Tau Kappa Alpha, and is also an orator, and a star member of the soccer team. Ralph Ash, '17; Carl Naylor, '17, and Harry Hargreaves, '18, were successful contestants for the Glee Club. Walter White, '17, and Harold Feese, '18, are both making good on the band. We have three members of the Dramatic Club, Cleve Simkins, Ralph Ash and Carl Naylor. Ash is the leading actor in college. In athletics we have Chet Huggins, '15, the veteran miler, with a record of 4.20, and who holds the indoor record of the Pacific Coast in his event. Huggins is also a basketball player and will make a strong bid for the varsity five. Hargreaves, Wilson and several other freshmen are athletes with good prep school records. Wilson is a 10.1 man in the hundred. Last year we had four men on the varsity nine, and two of these men will be in college, while several other men will try for the team.

Last year Alpha Tau was second among fraternities in grades, and this year we are going to try to be first. We have a good bunch of new men and all looks well for the year.

CARL A. NAYLOR.

## WASHINGTON STATE.

The beginning of the new school year was momentous to the members of the chapter. For the first time in our history we possess a house sufficiently large to meet with our needs. During the summer a two thousand dollar addition was built to the rear of our house on Linden Avenue. We can now accommodate twenty-five men with no crowding in the study rooms. We have what is by far the best fraternity house in town. Not only is it the most satisfactory for entertaining, but it is also fitted with the most modern and up-to-date conveniences of all kinds for the brothers living within the chapter home. The new house encouraged several of the old men to return. The first week found eighteen old men on the job to help with rushing. We secured our share of the likely material. Doane and White, football men; Simonds, a musician of ability and business manager of the Glee Club, and Bohler, last year's basketball star, are some of the good men we were fortunate to pledge.

Among the old men who are making good in collegiate activities are: "Hack" Applequist, who will undoubtedly make all-Northwest tackle; Tweed and Luden, who are making old letter-men fight hard to keep their places on the varsity; Vic Anderson, who is captain of the basketball team; Wiese, who is president and assistant director of the Glee Club, and McCroskey and Brislawn, who were recently initiated into Crimson Circle, the upper class honor society.

We formally opened our new house with a dancing party on the evening of October 3d. More than forty couples found ample space on the lower floor. A feature of the entertainment was the performance of our own special orchestra composed of six of the brothers. Our pledges will entertain the chapter early in December.

J. T. Longfellow, a member of the local organization Washington Sigma, has returned to take a degree in education and will be with us the remainder of the year. Alumni Smith, Rader and Laird have visited with us recently.

MARK G. BRISLAWN

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WASHINGTON (UNIVERSITY).

Gamma Pi started the year with twenty-two old men back, including Rooks, an affiliate from Gamma Chi. We were in a position to do some tall rushing this fall and pledged eight freshmen. Preston Shearer is back in college after a two years' absence. We lost three men by graduation, besides several others who did not come back. Athol Hall, '15, left for the University of Pennsylvania, and Homer Brown, '17; Arthur Pershall, '17, and Lando Zeck, '17, have left college for good.

We are active in many lines this fall. Football finds Charley Smith quarterback on the varsity, Mel Payne halfback on the freshman team, Lawrence Berlin halfback on the sophomore team, Roy Fox tackle on



the junior team, and Otis Schreuder end on the senior team. Maurice Duffy is on the sophomore cross-country team. Wilson Schiffer is assistant sporting editor on the *University* daily. Gerry Patten, who had a leading part in "Ermine" last spring, has a part in "Officer 666." Bryant MacDougall is associate editor on the *Tyee*, the annual publication. Russell Horton is on the varsity ball committee.

Phi Alpha Delta, the honorary law fraternity, was installed in Washington with three Gamma Pi men as charter members: Charles Smith, Bruce MacDougall and Jack Walsh.

We are making elaborate plans for an informal dance on December 4th. We are inviting the alumni and other Alpha Taus in town and expect a big turnout.

Gamma Pi takes great pleasure in saying that the finances of the chapter are better than ever before and with the new account system we expect to make it better still.

We are glad to note recent visits from Ellsworth, Beta Theta; Wheeler, Gamma Nu; Low, Beta Gamma; Spink, Gamma Nu; Walker, Gamma Nu, and Bert Hargraves, Gamma Pi. Roy Scatchard, '08, who was hurt while playing ball for Washington, paid us a visit. We are certainly glad to see him getting well again and hope to see him around the house a great deal.

BRYANT MACDOUGALL.

## In Memoriam

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FLOYD M. WEAVER.

(Indiana Gamma Gamma.)

Died April 1, 1914.

*Requiescat in pace.*

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SAMUEL HOUSTON LETCHER.

(Virginia Alpha.)

Born January 4, 1868; Initiated 1865;

Died September 6, 1914.

*Requiescat in pace.*

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SAMUEL H. LETCHER.

Judge Samuel Houston Letcher, for fourteen years judge of the Circuit Court, died at his home on Letcher Avenue, Lexington, Saturday morning, September 6, 1914, shortly after midnight, in his sixty-seventh year. He was paralyzed October 26, 1913, from which he seemingly recovered rapidly, but on January 1, 1914, he had a second stroke from which he never rallied and was confined to his home until his death.

Judge Letcher was born in Lexington, January 4, 1848, the eldest son of Governor John Letcher, Virginia's War Governor. His mother was Miss Susan Holt, of Rockingham County.

He entered the Confederate Army before he was sixteen years of age and remained in the service until the end. In the spring of 1864 he became a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute and was with the battalion in the battle of New Market, May 15, 1864. After the burning of the institute by General Hunter, he joined General Jubal A. Early's command and served under him. Later he served in the trenches below Richmond. In December, 1864, he was appointed lieutenant and served in southwest Virginia on the staff of General Robert Preston.

After the war Judge Letcher returned to the Virginia Military Institute and graduated as lieutenant in the class of 1869. He subsequently studied law and commenced practice as a member of the firm of Letcher,

Maury & Letcher, and continued the active practice of his profession until he was elevated to the Circuit Court bench in 1898, after the death of Judge William McLaughlin, being appointed by Governor J. Hoge Tyler; and was subsequently elected by the Legislature to fill the unexpired term and thereafter was elected for two successive full terms, retiring at the end of his second term. He was a member of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Military Institute for a number of years and was president of that body for ten years, at which time he retired in accepting the judgeship in 1898. He was elected to the Virginia Senate in 1897, of which body he was a member when appointed to the judgeship.

Judge Letcher was a communicant of the Episcopal Church, and for some years was a member of the vestry.

After he retired from the bench, Judge Letcher devoted considerable time and labor to preparing some memoirs of his father, Governor Letcher, appertaining to the stirring times of the war period, but illness prevented him from finishing the work.

Surviving are two brothers and four sisters. They are: Messrs. John D. Letcher, of Norfolk; Greenlee D. Letcher, of Lexington; Mrs. James A. Harrison, of Charlottesville; Mrs. W. LeConte Stevens, of Lexington; Mrs. Robert J. Showell, of Maryland, and Miss Fannie Letcher, of Lexington.

The funeral was held from R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon, conducted by the rector, Rev. Oscar de Wolf Randolph, who was assisted by Rev. Dr. Angus Crawford, of Alexandria. Interment was made in the Lexington cemetery. The active pall bearers were Messrs. T. M. Wade, W. T. Shields, M. W. Paxton, Frank Moore, J. H. Leech and B. A. Colonna. The honorary pall bearers were members of the faculties of Virginia Military Institute, Washington and Lee University and Confederate Veterans.—*Lexington (Va.) Gazette*.





# The Directory

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**Founders:** Otis A. Glazebrook, D. D., Captain Alfred Marshall (deceased) and Hon. Erskine M. Ross.

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## THE PROVINCES AND ACTIVE CHAPTERS

### PROVINCE I—ALABAMA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, LOUISIANA AND TEXAS.

- E. A. Werner, *Province Chief*, W. Hunter and Mangum Sts., Atlanta, Ga.
- Ala. Alpha Epsilon (1879), Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala. Friday. Peyton Norvell, Jr., PALM Correspondent. Y. G. Stanford, W. M.
- Ala. Beta Beta (1885), Southern University, Greensboro, Ala. Tuesday. Tupper Lightfoot, PALM Correspondent. M. M. Mathews, W. M.
- Ala. Beta Delta (1885), University of Alabama, A. T. O. House, 410 Queen City Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala. Saturday. G. G. Woodruff, PALM Correspondent. Cecil F. Bates, W. M.
- Fla. Alpha Omega (1884), University of Florida, A. T. O. House, Gainesville, Fla. Tuesday. J. L. Hearin, PALM Correspondent. P. S. May, W. M.
- Ga. Alpha Beta (1878), University of Georgia, 247 Prince Ave., Athens, Ga. Saturday. H. D. Allen, Jr., PALM Correspondent. W. H. Burt, W. M.
- Ga. Alpha Theta (1881), Emory College, Oxford, Ga. E. A. Burkhalter, PALM Correspondent. J. M. Munfort, W. M.
- Ga. Alpha Zeta (1881), Mercer University, A. T. O. House, 58 Arlington Place, Macon, Ga. Thursday. Ross Grant, PALM Correspondent. M. D. Jones, W. M.
- Ga. Beta Iota (1888), Georgia School of Technology, A. T. O. House, 43 West North Street, Atlanta, Ga. Saturday. E. H. Arrington, PALM Correspondent. W. E. Conklin, W. M.
- La. Beta Epsilon (1887), Tulane University, A. T. O. House, New Orleans. La. Saturday, 2d and 4th. A. W. Norman, PALM Correspondent. Posey R. Bowers, W. M.
- Tex. Gamma Eta (1897), University of Texas, A. T. O. House, 2315 Nueces Street, Austin, Texas. Wednesday, 1st and 3d. O. B. Saner, PALM Correspondent. R. H. Moore, W. M.

### PROVINCE II—ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN.

- F. R. Bott, *Province Chief*, 610 Federal Street, Chicago, Ill.
- Ill. Gamma Zeta (1895), University of Illinois, A. T. O. House, 405 John Street, Champaign, Ill. Sunday. R. E. Hill, PALM Correspondent. R. E. Thomas, W. M.
- Ill. Gamma Xi (1904), University of Chicago, A. T. O. House, 923 East 60th Street, Chicago, Ill. Monday. A. W. Haupt, PALM Correspondent. Leo C. Hupp, W. M.
- Ind. Gamma Gamma (1893), Rose Polytechnic Institute, A. T. O. House, 1035 North Eighth Street, Terre Haute, Ind. Monday. R. A. Weinhardt, PALM Correspondent. R. A. Weinhardt, W. M.
- Ind. Gamma Omicron (1904), Purdue University, A. T. O. House, 201 Russel Street, Lafayette, Ind. Monday. J. R. Finn, PALM Correspondent. P. E. Holden, W. M.
- Mich. Alpha Mu (1881), Adrian College, Adrian, Mich. Saturday. L. V. Jenkins, PALM Correspondent. Clinton Rogge, W. M.
- Mich. Beta Kappa (1888), Hillsdale College, A. T. O. House, 350 North West Street, Hillsdale, Mich. Tuesday. W. S. Harvey, PALM Correspondent. A. B. Calkins, W. M.
- Mich. Beta Lambda (1888), University of Michigan, A. T. O. House, 1023 Oakland Avenue, Ann Arbor, Mich. Thursday. J. Caffey, PALM Correspondent. L. M. Clift, W. M.



- Mich. Beta Omicron (1889), Albion College, A. T. O. House, 512 East Michigan Street, Albion, Mich. Saturday. H. S. E. Goodfellow, PALM Correspondent. Milton Young, W. M.
- Wis. Gamma Tau (1907), University of Wisconsin, A. T. O. House, 619 Lake Street, Madison, Wis. Monday. Arthur Prussing, PALM Correspondent. John V. McKinney, W. M.

PROVINCE III—COLORADO, IOWA, KANSAS, MINNESOTA,  
MISSOURI, NEBRASKA AND WYOMING.

- George B. Drake, *Province Chief*, 307 Foster Bldg., Denver, Colo.
- Colo. Gamma Lambda (1901), University of Colorado, A. T. O. House, 1229 University Avenue, Boulder, Colo. Monday. R. M. Scotty, PALM Correspondent. W. R. Pearce, W. M.
- Iowa Beta Alpha (1885), Simpson College, A. T. O. House, 802 W. Detroit Street, Indianola, Iowa. Thursday. Howard Wright, PALM Correspondent. Chas. Ensley, W. M.
- Iowa Gamma Upsilon (1908), Iowa State College, A. T. O. House, 803 Burnett Avenue, Ames, Iowa. Monday. H. G. Roland, PALM Correspondent. G. C. Caywood, W. M.
- Kansas Gamma Mu (1901), University of Kansas, A. T. O. House, 1633 Vermont Avenue, Lawrence, Kan. Monday. Guy Waldo, PALM Correspondent. E. W. Wingart, W. M.
- Minn. Gamma Nu (1902), University of Minnesota, A. T. O. House, 1018 Fourth Street, S. E., Minneapolis, Minn. Monday. C. W. Cole, PALM Correspondent. John J. Viets, W. M.
- Mo. Gamma Rho (1906), University of Missouri, A. T. O. House, 216 Hitt Street, Columbia, Mo. Monday. A. B. Armstrong, PALM Correspondent. T. S. G. Hudson, W. M.
- Neb. Gamma Theta (1897), University of Nebraska, A. T. O. House, 2603 O Street, Lincoln, Neb. Monday. Martin B. Chittick, PALM Correspondent. Reed O'Hanlon, W. M.
- Wyo. Gamma Psi (1913), University of Wyoming, A. T. O. House, 200 South Tenth Street, Laramie, Wyo. ——— W. B. Cobb, PALM Correspondent. Dorman Bennitt, W. M.

PROVINCE IV—MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND AND VERMONT.  
Alex. Macomber, *Province Chief*, 201 Devonshire St., Boston.

- Maine Beta Upsilon (1891), University of Maine, A. T. O. House, North Main Street, Orono, Maine. Monday. F. H. Curtis, PALM Correspondent. R. P. Clark, W. M.
- Maine Gamma Alpha (1892), Colby College, Waterville, Maine. Wednesday. Fred A. Pottle, PALM Correspondent. H. S. Campbell, W. M.
- Mass. Beta Gamma (1885), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, A. T. O. House, 30 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. Monday. P. H. Buxton, PALM Correspondent. T. F. Spear, W. M.
- Mass. Gamma Beta (1893), Tufts College, A. T. O. House, 134 Professors' Row, Tufts College, Mass. Monday. A. B. Porter, PALM Correspondent. H. W. Burritt, W. M.
- Mass. Gamma Sigma (1906), Worcester Polytechnic Institute, A. T. O. House, 24 Institute Road, Worcester, Mass. Thursday. C. S. Darling, PALM Correspondent. H. W. Hosmer, W. M.
- R. I. Gamma Delta (1894), Brown University, Room No. 16, Caswell Hall, Providence, R. I. Friday. Charles S. Phelps, PALM Correspondent. Charles S. Phelps, W. M.
- Vt. Beta Zeta (1887), University of Vermont, A. T. O. House, 216 South Prospect Street, Burlington, Vt. Saturday. H. W. Moore, PALM Correspondent. Robert E. Healy, W. M.

## PROVINCE V—NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA.

James S. Truman, *Province Chief*, Owega, Tioga County, N. Y.

- N. Y. Alpha Omicron (1882), St. Lawrence University, A. T. O. House, Canton, N. Y. Monday. H. S. Sutton, PALM Correspondent. L. R. McDonald, W. M.
- N. Y. Beta Theta (1887), Cornell University, A. T. O. House, 625 University Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y. Saturday (every two weeks). H. G. Ford, PALM Correspondent. H. C. Kelleran, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Iota (1881), Muhlenberg College, A. T. O. House, 42 South Fourteenth St., Allentown, Pa. Tuesday. C. L. Fry, PALM Correspondent. E. R. Keiter, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Pi (1882), Washington and Jefferson College, A. T. O. House, 383 East Beau Street, Washington, Pa. Thursday. T. E. McMillan, PALM Correspondent. R. W. Thomas, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Rho (1882), Lehigh University, A. T. O. House, 338 Wyandotte Street, South Bethlehem, Pa. Friday. G. Y. Custer, PALM Correspondent. J. W. Raine, W. M.
- Penn. Alpha Upsilon (1882), Pennsylvania College, A. T. O. House, North Washington Street, Gettysburg, Pa. Saturday. Carlson Raymond, PALM Correspondent. C. H. Thompson, W. M.
- Penn. Gamma Omega (1914), Pennsylvania State College, A. T. O. House, State College, Pa. ————— G. A. McWreath, PALM Correspondent; W. H. Dawson, W. M.
- Penn. Tau (1881), University of Pennsylvania, A. T. O. House, 3614 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Tuesday. J. P. Replogle, PALM Correspondent. A. H. Williams, W. M.

## PROVINCE VI—NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA

Rev. Beverly D. Tucker, Jr., *Province Chief*, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

- N. C. Alpha Delta (1879), University of North Carolina, A. T. O. House, Chapel Hill, N. C. Friday. H. B. Black, PALM Correspondent. Baldwin Maxwell, W. M.
- N. C. Xi (1872), Trinity College, Durham, N. C. Monday. H. L. Sherrod, PALM Correspondent. J. L. Nelson, Jr., W. M.
- S. C. Beta Xi (1889), College of Charleston, Charleston, S. C. Saturday. T. D. Leiby, Jr., PALM Correspondent. T. D. Leiby, Jr., W. M.
- Va. Beta (1865), Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va. Tuesday. P. C. Buford, PALM Correspondent. R. A. Lewis, W. M.
- Va. Delta (1868), University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. Saturday. Chas. Henderson, PALM Correspondent. E. N. Tucker, W. M.

## PROVINCE VII—OHIO.

- J. Paul Thompson, *Province Chief*, 1208 Engineers Bldg., Cleveland, O.
- Ohio Alpha Nu (1882), Mount Union College, A. T. O. House, 66 East College Street, Alliance, Ohio. Monday. J. O. Woods, PALM Correspondent. B. R. Stout, W. M.
- Ohio Alpha Psi (1883), Wittenberg College, A. T. O. House, 602 North Wittenberg Avenue, Springfield, Ohio. Monday. Preston Allen, PALM Correspondent. Winfred Allen, W. M.
- Ohio Beta Eta (1887), Ohio Wesleyan University, A. T. O. House, North Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio. Monday. L. H. Carpenter, PALM Correspondent. L. H. Carpenter, W. M.

Ohio Beta Omega (1892), Ohio State University, A. T. O. House, 175 West 10th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Saturday. Melvin Ryder, PALM Correspondent. C. H. Young, W. M.

Ohio Gamma Kappa (1900), Western Reserve University, A. T. O. House, 11431 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, O. Monday. M. B. Sunderland, PALM Correspondent. G. E. McNab, Jr., W. M.

#### PROVINCE VIII—TENNESSEE AND KENTUCKY.

W. E. Bolling, *Province Chief*, 904 Stahlman Bldg., Nashville Tenn.

Ky. Mu Iota (1909), State University of Kentucky, A. T. O. House, 313 E. Maxwell St., Lexington, Ky. Saturday. W. O. Bruning, PALM Correspondent. R. A. Wallace, W. M.

Tenn. Alpha Tau (1882), Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarks-ville, Tenn. Saturday. A. Bosch, PALM Correspondent. S. J. Venable, W. M.

Tenn. Beta Pi (1889), Vanderbilt University, A. T. O. House, 1917 Hayes Street, Nashville, Tenn. Saturday. W. A. Zimmerman, PALM Correspondent. T. H. Elliott, W. M.

Tenn. Beta Tau (1894), Union University, Jackson, Tenn. Monday. W. A. Shoaf, PALM Correspondent. W. A. Shoaf, W. M.

Tenn. Omega (1877), University of the South, A. T. O. House, University Avenue, Sewanee, Tenn. Tuesday. H. B. Morris, PALM Corre-spondent. W. B. Hinman, W. M.

Tenn. Pi (1872), University of Tennessee, A. T. O. House, 1513 West Clinch Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn. Wednesday. A. P. Whitaker, PALM Correspondent. J. L. Burdette, Jr.

#### PROVINCE IX—CALIFORNIA, OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

Lewis Williams, *Province Chief*, 531 Lyon Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

Cal. Beta Psi (1891), Leland Stanford University, A. T. O. House, 28 Lasnen Street, Stanford University, Cal. Monday. Ben C. Williams, PALM Correspondent. Warren Hastings, W. M.

Cal. Gamma Iota (1900), University of California, A. T. O. House, 1625 Arch Street, Berkeley, Cal. Monday. W. S. Rainey, PALM Correspondent. J. D. MacMullen, W. M.

Oregon Gamma Phi (1910), University of Oregon, A. T. O. House, 11th and Oak Streets, Eugene, Ore. Monday. C. E. Brotherton, PALM Correspondent. Earl Blackaby, W. M.

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